

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3437
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2019**

Maithili Language

† 3437. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Maithili language is included under the Eighth Schedule;
- (b) whether this is the colloquial language for crores of people;
- (c) whether this language has not been included at primary level in CBSE/CTET course;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to include this language at primary level of education; and
- (e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be included along with the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) & (b): Yes Sir.

(c): Schools are free to offer any regional language of India at primary level as per the needs of students. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) does not give any directions in this respect.

The Government has appointed CBSE as the Examination Conducting Body for Central Teacher Eligibility Test. Further, the Government has asked CBSE that CTET should be conducted in 20 languages.

(d) & (e): As per the recommendations of National Curriculum Framework-2005 and other educational policy documents, mother tongue should be taught as the first language and subsequently two more languages should be taught at school level. Education being a subject matter of both State and Centre, States are free to make the policy of education independently.
