

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 12.11.2010
ANSWERED ON
SYLLABUS AND MEDIUM OF EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS .

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Dr. Prabha Thakur

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

- (a) whether there is difference in syllabus of Government and private schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether children in Government schools also have the facility of opting for English language as medium of education; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore? ANSWER

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MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 66 ASKED BY DR. PRABHA THAKUR REGARDING SYLLABUS AND MEDIUM OF EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS, DUE FOR ANSWER ON 12.11.2010.

(a) and (b) Both Government and private schools follow the syllabus prescribed by the School Education Boards to which they are affiliated. In accordance with the National Curriculum Framework, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) develops model syllabi and textbooks for all subjects from Classes I to XII. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) follows the syllabi developed by NCERT. State School Education Boards and State Councils of Educational Research and Training prescribe syllabi for schools within the purview of the State Governments.

(c) and (d) In case of State Government schools, it is for the State Government concerned to choose the medium of instruction in those schools. Kendriya Vidyalayas, which are managed by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, have both English and Hindi as medium of instruction, whereas Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas have English and regional language as medium of instruction. Schools affiliated to CBSE have either English or Hindi as medium of instruction, and several Government schools affiliated to CBSE have English as medium of instruction.