

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 451
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2018

INCLUSION OF TRIBAL LANGUAGES IN CURRICULUM

451. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government has any data on the total percentage of dropouts in 2018 among tribals at primary, intermediate and secondary level;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Council of Tribal Languages and Literature societies, Manipur (CTLLSM) has demanded allocation of funds to the State's Budget for tribal languages education;
- (c) whether Government proposes to introduce tribal languages into curriculum for inclusiveness in education; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI JASWANTSINH BHABHOR)

(a): No, Sir. However, as per the information provided by Ministry of Human Resource Development, the average annual drop out rate among Scheduled Tribe Students for the year 2016-17 (latest available) at Primary, Upper Primary, Elementary, Secondary and Grade XI to XII was 8.54, 9.58, 8.88, 26.97 and 8.43 respectively.

(b): As informed by Government of Manipur, a proposal for allocation of funds for tribal language education has been received by them from Council of Tribal Languages and Literature societies, Manipur (CTLLSM).

(c) to (d): National Curriculum Framework 2005 has recommended that the initial education of the child should be in the mother tongue. This includes the use of the languages of the children in tribal regions. Though, deciding the curriculum at school/college level is the prerogative of the State Governments, however, Ministry of Tribal Affairs has asked the State Governments to develop bilingual primers containing text both in regional and local tribal languages through Tribal Research Institutes, which would help to integrate traditional wisdom with educational methods to empower tribal students. Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides funds to State Governments under the scheme "Support to Tribal Research Institutes" based on their proposals in this regard.
