

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3694
ANSWERED ON - 05/04/2023

INTRODUCTION OF ENGLISH MEDIUM IN ANDHRA PRADESH

3694. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has introduced English Medium across all the colleges from the academic year 2021-22 which contravenes the National Education Policy 2020;
- (b) if so, steps taken by Government in this regard;
- (c) whether Government has impressed upon the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to strictly adhere to the provisions as outlined in National Education Policy, 2020;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (e): Education is in the Concurrent List of the Constitution. The Government of India has intimated all states about the National Education Policy 2020 and asked them to take necessary steps accordingly.

The National Education Policy 2020, in so far as it relates to Higher Education Institutions, inter-alia, provides for the following regarding the medium of instructions:

“More Higher Educational Institutions (HEI), and more programmes in higher education, will use the mother tongue/local language as a medium of instruction, and/or offer programmes bilingually, in order to increase access and Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) and also to promote the strength, usage, and vibrancy of all Indian languages”.

AICTE has issued guidelines whereby all technical education institutions have been permitted to offer their courses in local languages also. So far 19 institutions from 10 states (including Andhra Pradesh) have started offering such courses.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh have vide their Government Order dated 16.09.21 have ordered that

“After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby instruct to launch the English Medium across all Degree Colleges in both rural and urban areas from the Academic Year 2021-22”

The Government of Andhra Pradesh have also decided to publish bilingual textbooks not only for Science and Mathematics but also for Arts and Commerce. Already the bilingual textbooks for the first semester are published and released.
