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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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EFFORTS TO MAKE HINDI AS MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

675# Shri Deepak Prakash:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the medium of instruction in most of the higher education courses is English, due to which intelligent students living in rural areas are deprived of higher and technical education or have to face a lot of difficulties and failures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any efforts have been made to make Hindi the medium of instruction in Medical Colleges, Indian Institutes of Management and other technical universities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (d): The National Education Policy (2020) envisages imparting more programs in higher education, using mother tongue/ local language as medium of instruction, and/or offer programs bilingually, in order to increase access and Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) and also to promote the strength, usage and vibrancy of all Indian Languages. In line with this, efforts have been made to impart technical education in Indian Languages in some technical institutes, wherein students have been given an option of studying in Indian languages from the academic session 2021-22 with the objective to nurture the talented students who have pursued their education in Indian languages for smooth transition into technical education.

Further, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), from the year 2021-22, has initiated the translation of Technical Books in 12 Indian languages viz Hindi, Odia, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Punjabi, Bengali, Marathi, Gujarati, Assamese, Urdu and Malayalam. The information about various technical books translated in different Indian Languages is available at AICTE's web portal named eKUMBH (Knowledge Unleashed in Multiple Bhartiya Languages) at https://ekumbh.aicte-india.org/.

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