

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1156
ANSWERED ON-13/12/2023

B.E/B.TECH ADMISSION THROUGH REGIONAL LANGUAGES

1156. Dr. Ameer Yajnik:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of students taking admission in Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) and Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech) courses through regional languages, State-wise and language-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that for the second consecutive year no admission has been taken through Gujarati language medium in Gujarat Technical University, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the additional cost Universities incur for adding regional language medium courses in BE/B.Tech and whether this cost is borne separately by Government, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (c) As per information provided by the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), the total number of students taking admission in Bachelor of Engineering (B.E.) and Bachelor of Technology (B. Tech) courses through regional languages, in the years 2021-22 and 2022-23 were 245 and 683 respectively.

The All-India Council of technical Education (AICTE), in line with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, has initiated a scheme for technical book writing and translation of the same, with the objective to provide engineering books (B. Tech /Diploma) in various Indian languages which includes, Hindi and other eleven regional languages such as Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Malayalam, Bengali, Assamese, Marathi, Kannada, Odia, Gujarati and Punjabi. The translated books are available on eKUMBH portal.

In addition to this, entrance examinations like the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) (Mains) are also being conducted in thirteen regional languages which also facilitates students studying in regional languages.
