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**Text books in scheduled languages**

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

- (a) the list of languages that the NCERT books are published in;
- (b) whether Government has taken measures to develop textbooks in languages that are not a part of the eighth schedule, considering that the Odisha government's repeated requests to include various languages in the 8th schedule have not yet been accepted; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

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(a) The existing National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) textbooks developed as a follow-up of National Curriculum Framework (NCF)-2005 are published in the following languages:

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Name of language</b>	<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Name of language</b>
1.	Hindi	7.	Gujarati
2.	English	8.	Punjabi
3.	Urdu	9.	Mizo
4.	Kannada	10.	Konkani
5.	Telugu	11.	Bhoti
6.	Marathi		

In addition, the e-content including e-textbooks are available in 38 languages on DIKSHA portal. As a follow-up of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the mathematics textbook for Grades I and II has also been made digitally available in 18 languages including Hindi, English, and Urdu.

(b) & (c) The NEP, 2020, inter-alia, encourages that high quality textbook be made available in regional languages. In 2023, NCERT books/primers have been published in Bhoti, Kuwi and Desia languages. These languages are not included in the VIII Schedule of the Constitution. Further, education being a subject in the concurrent list of the Constitution of India and majority of the schools are under the jurisdiction of State/Union Territory (UT) Governments, it is for the respective State/UT Governments to provide textbooks in their regional languages.

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