

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 214**

**ANSWERED ON 24/07/2024**

**Empowering Education through Languages**

214 # **Dr. Medha Vishram Kulkarni:**

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

- (a) whether 52 primers in Indian languages have been introduced to promote education in mother tongue;
- (b) if so, the details of the contents of these primers and the process of their distribution; and
- (c) the changes observed in the learning outcomes of students with the use of these primers?

**ANSWER**

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

**(Shri Jayant Chaudhary)**

(a) to (c) The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 highlights the need of preserving and promoting the nation's diverse linguistic heritage (Chapter 22), while also laying emphasis is on fostering education in a child's native language to facilitate their overall development (Paragraph 4.11).

To achieve these goals, NCERT in collaboration with Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) had prepared 52 Primers, which were released by the Hon'ble Education Minister on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024, in addition to 2 Primers released earlier. These Primers are prepared for primary level in scheduled languages, Official languages of State/UTs and languages spoken by more than 27,000 numbers of speakers. The Primers mainly emphasizes on the introduction of **sounds, alphabets, reading and writing practice** for the children.

Till date, 54 Primers have already been prepared and digitally made available by uploading on NCERT portal (<https://ncert.nic.in/primers.php?ln=en>) and DIKSHA portal in regional and tribal languages. In addition, these primers have been disseminated by e-mail and print form to all the Education Departments of States/UTs for further distribution to all schools as per the requirement.

The list of 54 Primers has been placed as Annexure.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO PART (A) TO (C) OF THE REPLY OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 214 ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024 ASKED BY Dr. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING EMPOWERING EDUCATION THROUGH LANGUAGES**

<b>S.NO.</b>	<b>Name of Primers</b>	<b>State(s)</b>
1	Anal	Manipur
2	Angami	Nagaland
3	Assanmese	Assam
4	Ao	Nagaland
5	Bhutia	Sikkim
6	Bodo	Assam
7	Deori	Assam
8	Dimasa	Assam
9	Gadaba	Odisha
10	Garo	Meghalaya
11	Halbi	Chattishgarh
12	Hmar	Assam
13	Jatapu	Andhra Pradesh
14	Juang	Odisha
15	Kabui (Rongmei)	Manipur
16	Karbi	Assam
17	Khandeshi	Maharashtra
18	Kharia	Jharkhand
19	Khezha	Nagaland
20	Kinnauri	Himachal Pradesh
21	Kodava	Karnataka
22	Konda	Andhra Pradesh
23	Koya	Andhra Pradesh
24	Korku	Madhya Pradesh
25	Kui	Odisha
26	Kurukh	Jharkhand
27	Kisan	Odisha
28	Lepcha	Sikkim
29	Liangmai	Manipur
30	Limbu	Sikkim
31	Lotha	Nagaland
32	Manipuri	Manipur

33	Mao	Manipur
34	Mishmi (Idu)	Arunachal Pradesh
35	Mising	Assam
36	Mizo	Mizoram
37	Mogh	Tripura
38	Mundari	Jharkhand
39	Nepali	Sikkim
40	Nyishi (Nissi)	Arunachal Pradesh
41	Rai	Sikkim
42	Santali Bengali	West Bengal
43	Santali Odia	Odisha
44	Sherpa	Sikkim
45	Sora	Odisha
46	Sumi	Nagaland
47	Tamang	Sikkim
48	Tangkhul	Manipur
49	Tangsa	Arunachal Pradesh
50	Tiwa	Assam
51	Tulu	Karnataka
52	Wancho	Arunachal Pradesh
53	Desia	Odisha
54	Kuwi	Odisha

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