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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
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NATIONAL TRANSLATION MISSION

2903 Shri Kunwar Ratanjeet Pratap Narayan Singh:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the languages covered under the National Translation Mission (NTM) so far;
- (b) the measures that are being taken under NTM to translate technical and scientific knowledge into Indian languages for wider accessibility;
- (c) the steps being taken to integrate NTM with global translation initiatives and Indian diaspora communities;
- (d) whether Government is considering to introduce certification programmes for translators to enhance employment opportunities under NTM, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether any provisions under NTM are there to translate educational content for visually impaired and differently-abled students, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (e) : The Policy of the Government is to promote all Indian languages. The National Education Policy, 2020 lays lot of stress on promoting multilingualism and making efforts to keep Indian languages vibrant. In order to achieve this objective the Government is integrating multilingualism at school and higher education levels by providing reading materials in Indian languages so that students have the choice to study in their mother tongue/local language. National Translation Mission (NTM) under Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru covers all 22 languages of the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India for the purpose of translation. It has initiated a series named Translation Equivalents in Indian Languages (TEIL) which is helpful in translation of technical and scientific knowledge into Indian Languages. Regular training programmes in translation and interpretation are conducted by CIIL under NTM.

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and University Grants Commission (UGC) have leveraged Anuvadini App to translate books for Under Graduate and Post Graduate courses and Technical books like engineering and law in multiple Indian languages. The translated books are available on e-KUMBH portal. UGC and AICTE have issued guidelines for preparation of text books and supporting the teaching-learning process in the mother tongue/local languages.

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) has launched Mission Digital India Bhashini in the year 2022 to develop core language technologies for speech and text translation for 22 Scheduled Indian languages in the open source. Besides, Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT) has made Braille conversion of 46 classical Tamil texts for visually challenged.
