GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Institutions teaching foreign languages

1155 # Shri Mahendra Bhatt:

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

- (a) the number of educational institutions authorized by Government to teach foreign languages in India;
- (b) the name of the country whose native language, apart from English, has the highest number of learners and institutions in India; and
- (c) the details of the country, language and respective institutions thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Universities are autonomous organizations and are governed by their respective Acts, Statutes, and Ordinances. The Universities/Institutions are free to decide their academic programmes with the approval of their statutory bodies.
- (b & c) Among foreign languages, Arabic language, apart from English, has the highest number of learners enrolled in various institutions in India. As per the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2022-23 (provisional), 87 institutions offer programmes in the Arabic language.
