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Regional language in KVs in Tamil Nadu

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

- (a) whether Government has examined concerns that many students born and raised in Tamil Nadu face academic barriers in Kendriya Vidyalayas where Tamil is not the medium of instruction;
- (b) if so, the details of consultations held by Government with parents, students and State authorities; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to address medium-of-instruction concerns and improve inclusivity for regional language learners in Kendriya Vidyalayas?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)**

(a) to (c) Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) are opened primarily to cater to the educational needs of the wards of transferable Central Government Employees including Defence & Para-Military personnel, Central Autonomous Bodies, Central Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Central Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) by providing a common programme of education. KVs are following a common scheme of education as per its mandate, with common syllabus, text books and language so that the students are not inconvenienced when they move from one KV to the other when their parents are transferred.

As per information received from Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, the medium of instruction in KVs is Hindi and English. Where required, KVs are instructed to engage regional language teachers to facilitate teaching-learning at the foundational stage. As per Article 112 of the Education Code of KVs, "additional arrangement for teaching of

the regional language/mother tongue shall be made, provided 15 or more students are willing to opt for the same". Temporary teachers are engaged to teach local/regional languages including Tamil, provided there is a demand and sufficient numbers of student are available. Teachers also adopt multilingual pedagogical practices to support students from diverse linguistic backgrounds.

Tamil is taught through the Tamil Virtual Academy (TVA), an autonomous organization under the Tamil Nadu State Government, in 44 out of 46 KVs of Tamil Nadu. In addition, 34 teachers have been appointed to teach Tamil across KVs in Tamil Nadu.
