

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2610
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.03.2018**

REGIONAL LANGUAGES

†2610. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government is taking any steps to implement and promote regional languages in various education institutions;
- b) if so, the details thereof; and
- c) if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (c): Government's Policy is to promote all Indian Languages. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is offering 38 languages at secondary level out of which 28 are regional Indian Languages. CBSE offer 32 languages at Senior Secondary level and out of these 24 are regional Indian Languages. Matribhasha Diwas was celebrated on 21.2.2018 to promote the use of Mother Tongue in various Educational Institutions. The Government of India has initiated a Scheme known as "Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages of India". Under this Scheme, the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore works on protection, preservation and documentation of all the mother tongues/languages of India spoken by less than 10,000 speakers.