

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5016
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2018**

Modern Indian Languages

5016. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the Resolution passed in 1968 to implement Three Language Formula (TLF) in all the schools for the study of a South Indian languages in the schools in Hindi belt in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the said objectives of the TLF are still being considered by the Government while implementing the language policy for schools, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) if so, the number of schools in the Hindi speaking areas teaching one of the South Indian language, State/ District-wise along with the number of students learned that language;
- (d) the number of schools in non-Hindi speaking areas teaching Hindi in schools as per the said Resolution, State/District-wise along with the number of students learned Hindi;
- (e) whether it is true that Hindi and Sanskrit are taught mandatorily to the students of classes VI to VIII in all the Kendriya Vidyalayas in accordance with the said formula and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government has any proposal to implement the said Resolution effectively in the country and if so, the response of the Government in this regard and if not, the other steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)**

(a) & (b) In order to encourage the study of modern Indian Languages and to promote harmony and equality among Indian Languages in the area of school education, the Government

has adopted the 'Three Language Formula', as recommended in the National Policy on Education (NPE), 1968. The Three Language Formula is as under:

- **The First Language** to be studied must be the mother tongue or the regional language
- **The Second Language**
 - In Hindi speaking states, the second language will be some other modern Indian language or English, and
 - In non-Hindi speaking states, the second language will be Hindi or English.
- **The Third language**
 - In Hindi speaking states, the third language will be English or a modern Indian language not studied as the second language, and
 - In non-Hindi speaking states, the third language will be English or a modern Indian language not studied as the second language.

(c) & (d) Education, being a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and a substantial majority of schools being under the jurisdiction of the State/Union Territory Governments, it is for the respective State/Union Territory Governments to decide the language to be taught in their schools as per the Three Language Formula. No data regarding the language taught in schools in States/ Union Territories is collected and maintained centrally.

(e) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has informed that Hindi, English and Sanskrit are taught mandatorily to all the students of classes VI to VIII in all Kendriya Vidyalayas. Sanskrit has been designated as the third language in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (for classes VI to VIII) owing to the wide spread of the organization, and also in order to maintain uniformity.

(f) The Three Language Formula is implemented 'in principle' in all the States and Union Territories except the State of Tamil Nadu.
