GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2044 TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018

Higher Education Institutes

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

- (a) whether the medium of learning in most of the higher education institutes is English due to which rural students remain deprived of higher and technical education;
- (b) if so, the details of the higher education institutes in which Hindi or regional language is the medium of learning at present;
- (c) whether any efforts have been made by the Government to make Hindi and regional languages the medium of learning in medical colleges and Indian Institutes of Management also; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (d) The medium of learning in most of the higher education institutes is English. All Universities enjoy academic autonomy and therefore teaching of subjects and their languages come in their jurisdiction. However, the University Grants Commission (UGC) emphasizes for imparting education in Hindi medium to all its grants-in aid Universities in the country and some of the Universities have already started imparting education at undergraduate level in Hindi medium in some of the subjects. Similarly, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has also introduced "TAKNIKI PATHYAPUSTAK PURASKAR YOJANA" with a view to provide state of art knowledge of Engineering and Technology in Hindi language. The scheme encourages to write standard technical textbooks in Hindi to facilitate classroom instructions in Hindi Language in Hindi Speaking States. No students from rural background are deprived of higher and technical education because of medium of learning. Institutes provide special coaching to those students who report any such difficulty and give special attention to students to facilitate learning. Further, Medical education in medical colleges and Management education in Indian Institutes of Management is imparted in English only. Many State Universities have regional Indian Languages as medium for many under graduate and postgraduate courses.