

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 164
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023

Education in Maithili Language

†*164. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any provision to provide education in the mother tongue under the New Education Policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for not preparing the syllabus of Maithili language by the NCERT; and
- (d) the time by which education is likely to be provided in Maithili language in CBSE schools located in Mithila region along with the latest details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 164 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023 ASKED BY SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR, HON'BLE MP REGARDING 'EDUCATION IN MAITHILI LANGUAGE'.

(a) & (b) The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, inter-alia, provides that wherever possible, the medium of instruction until at least Grade 5, but preferably till Grade 8 and beyond, will be the home language/mother tongue/local language/regional language. As of now, under the existing policy, children are learning three languages based on the choices of States, regions, and of course the students themselves.

(c) Under the NEP 2020, the National Curriculum Framework and common model syllabus is being developed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). NCERT develops a common framework which serves as a model for the diverse school system across the country. States including Bihar with their language specific needs may adopt/ adapt, modify and redesign their curriculum and syllabus as per their language and regions.

(d) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) schools follow the curriculum prepared by NCERT up to class VIII and flexibility is provided in the medium of instruction in which this curriculum is transacted by the affiliated schools.

Due to the above flexibility, schools affiliated to CBSE located in Mithila region may offer education through Maithili wherever possible or teach Maithili language as a subject till class VIII. Since education is in the Concurrent list of the Constitution the respective State/Union Territory (UT) Governments and its agencies may develop suitable curriculum in regional languages including Maithili as per the local needs and demands.
