

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

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 174
ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023**

**TAMIL AS A COMPULSORY SUBJECT
IN THE KVs RUNNING IN TAMIL NADU**

***174. DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to teach Tamil as a compulsory subject in all the Kendriya Vidyalayas in Tamil Nadu, as it is a classical language of India and it is also the official language of Indian State of Tamil Nadu, the sovereign nations of Sri Lanka and Singapore, it is also spoken by the Tamil diaspora found in many countries, including Malaysia, Myanmar, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States, Canada, Australia and Mauritius;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the total number of KVs presently functioning and the total number of students studying in these schools as on date?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 174 RAISED BY DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT ANSWERED ON 13/03/2023 REGARDING TAMIL AS A COMPULSORY SUBJECT IN THE KVs RUNNING IN TAMIL NADU.

(a) & (b) Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) follow the curriculum developed by National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT). In pursuance to National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, NCERT is developing the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) based on which syllabus, text-books and learning-teaching materials are being developed. The NEP, 2020 lays emphasis and reiterates great cognitive benefits of multilinguism.

KVs have been established keeping in view the pan-India transportability of students and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is fully alive to teaching of regional languages as provided in Article 112 of Education Code of KVS which states that 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. In the State of Tamil Nadu, Tamil language is being taught in 15 KVs on demand as additional arrangement and 6589 students have opted for the same.

(c) As on November 2022, 1249 KVs are functioning across the country having enrolment of 1427605 students, including 45 KVs with enrolment of 63809 students in the State of Tamil Nadu.
