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PROMOTION OF REGIONAL LANGUAGE IN TRIBAL AREAS

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the efforts being made to promote education in regional language in tribal areas;
- (b) the details of flagship schemes being implemented in tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) the details of tribal education centres being established in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (d) the details of different schemes being run in aspirational districts?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (d) : The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 focuses on the promotion of all scheduled and non-scheduled Indian Languages. NEP, 2020 provides, wherever possible, for medium of instruction to be in the home language/mother tongue/local language upto at least class 5 and preferably upto class 8. The policy also provides for making available high quality text books in home language/mother tongue and encouraging teachers to use bilingual approach while teaching. Government of India has taken number of steps for the promotion of Regional Languages in the country including tribal areas. National Eligibility cum Entrance Test has been conducted in 13 languages. Joint Entrance Exam which was conducted in 3 languages earlier is now conducted in 13 languages. Technical education is being imparted in certain All Indian Council for Technical Education (AICTE) approved institutions in 8 regional languages. Course material including text books and teaching resource are available on Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) portal in 33 Indian Languages.

Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides grants to State Tribal Research Institutes for promotion of tribal languages and development of bilingual primers for preservations of tribal languages. Further, under the component “Financial Assistance for support to Centre of Excellence” of the scheme “Tribal Research, Information, Education, Communication and Events”, financial assistance is provided to reputed institution for carrying out research study programmes including documentation of tribal languages. Based on the proposal received from the Tribal Research Institutes, financial assistance is provided under the scheme “Support to Tribal Research Institutes” to State Governments for organisation of literary festivals, translation works and literature competitions.

Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru under the Ministry works for the promotion of all Indian Languages including tribal languages. This includes work on a package comprising phonetic readers, grammars, dictionaries, folk literature, school and adult literacy primers and prepared audio-visual documentations in various tribal areas.
