

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 128**  
ANSWERED ON 04.12.2023

**Inclusion of Maithili Language in the CTET**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) is conducted in a total of 20 Indian languages including Nepali and Tibetan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to include Maithili language as a language in the Central Teacher Eligibility Test which is also included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) to (c):- The National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE) has circulated guidelines for conducting Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) under Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, Para 8 of the aforesaid NCTE guidelines stipulate that the Question Paper shall be bilingual (i) in languages as decided by the appropriate Government; and (ii) English Language. The Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) is conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in 20 languages viz., (i) English, (ii) Hindi, (iii) Assamese, (iv) Bengali, (v) Garo, (vi) Gujarati (vii) Kannada (viii) Khasi (ix) Malayalam, (x) Manipuri (xi) Marathi (xii) Mizo, (xiii) Nepali, (xiv) Oriya, (xv) Punjabi, (xvi) Sanskrit (xvii) Tamil (xviii) Telugu (xix) Tibetan (xx) Urdu .

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