

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.124
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2019**

VERNACULAR LANGUAGES IN EXAMINATIONS

***124. SHRI D. K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the government has received any representations for allowing the candidates to use Scheduled language including Kannada to appear in the examinations conducted by the Railways and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has issued any guidelines in this regard; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of candidates who used vernacular languages in their examinations during the last three years, year and Scheduled language-wise?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF
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EXAMINATIONS**

- (a) Yes, Sir. Representations were received requesting for conducting all competitive examinations by Railways in Tamil and Regional languages also.**
- (b) Yes, Sir.**
- (c) For examinations for Direct Recruitment, instructions provide for an option of any of fifteen (15) languages, which include Hindi and English and 13 vernacular languages. There is also no restriction regarding the question papers in local/regional languages for General Departmental Competitive Examination (GDCE).**

The details of candidates who used vernacular languages in last 3 (three) years is appended.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.124 BY SHRI D. K. SURESH AND SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2019 REGARDING VERNACULAR LANGUAGES IN EXAMINATIONS

(c) Number of candidates who used vernacular languages during last three years in examination is as under:

S.No.	Language(s)	2017	2018	2019	Total
1	Assamese	-	151484	695	152179
2	Bengali	-	844407	4076	848483
3	Gujrati	277	354712	6911	361900
4	Kannada	-	351097	7097	358194
5	Konkani	-	266	2	268
6	Malayalam	-	319569	5208	324777
7	Manipuri	-	830	47	877
8	Marathi	599	842298	9631	852528
9	Odiya	-	305545	1042	306587
10	Punjabi	-	111892	1853	113745
11	Tamil	-	381876	5993	387869
12	Telegu	-	989818	12569	1002387
13	Urdu	-	8612	85	8697
	TOTAL	876	4662406	55209	4718491
