

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1162
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2020

Teaching through Mother Tongue

1162. SHRI S. VENKATESAN:
SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many surveys/studies conducted in the country indicate that children in the first few years of their schooling could understand well if they are taught in their own mother tongue and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there are many States in the country which are teaching only in English medium upto primary level and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government feels that imparting education only in English upto primary level is likely to hamper the natural learning process of children below the age of 9-10 years and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of recognized schools using mother tongue as medium of instruction in the primary, upper primary, secondary and higher secondary stage, State-wise;
- (e) the details of recognized schools using Hindi and/or English as medium of instruction in the primary, upper primary, secondary and higher secondary stage, State-wise;
- (f) the number of recognized schools using Tamil and/or English as medium of instruction in the primary, upper primary, secondary and higher secondary stage, State-wise; and
- (g) the steps taken/to be taken by the Government using mother tongue as medium of instruction from primary to higher secondary level?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a)to (c) Para 3.1.1 of the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) 2005 states that home language(s) of children, as defined in para 3.1 should be medium of learning in schools. Para 3.1 of NCF, 2005 defines home language or mother tongue as languages

subsuming the languages of home, larger kinship groups, street and neighbourhood that a child acquires naturally from his/her home and societal /environment . If a school does not have provisions for teaching in the child's home language(s) at the higher levels, primary schools education must still be covered through the home language(s). There is no State/Union Territory teaching only in English at primary level in the country.

(d) A statement indicating State-wise number of primary schools using mother tongue as medium of instruction is placed at **Annexure-I**. No data about secondary and higher secondary stage using mother tongue as a medium of instruction is captured and maintained centrally.

(e) & (f) A statement containing the requisite information is placed at **Annexure-II**.

(g) Section 29 (2) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009, *inter-alia*, provides that the medium of instruction shall, as far as practicable, be in child's mother tongue. However, as education is a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution and majority of schools are under the purview of the State Governments, it is for the respective State Governments to take appropriate action in this regard in their schools.

ANNEXURE-I**STATEMENT INDICATING STATE-WISE NUMBER OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS USING MOTHER TONGUE AS MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION**

Number of primary schools where the children taught through their mother tongue(Recognized only)	
State/Uts	Primary Schools/Section
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	47
ANDHRA PRADESH	39954
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	71
ASSAM	17561
BIHAR	27523
CHANDIGARH	187
CHHATTISGARH	7153
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	80
DAMAN & DIU	40
DELHI	2913
GOA	308
GUJARAT	27456
HARYANA	8938
HIMACHAL PRADESH	750
JAMMU & KASHMIR	12758
JHARKHAND	7917
KARNATAKA	26834
KERALA	8975
LAKSHADWEEP	10
MADHYA PRADESH	16388
MAHARASHTRA	60748
MANIPUR	2966
MEGHALAYA	4699
MIZORAM	874
NAGALAND	127
ODISHA	26923
PUDUCHERRY	157
PUNJAB	19476
RAJASTHAN	71061
SIKKIM	188
TAMIL NADU	33459
TELANGANA	13265
TRIPURA	1926
UTTAR PRADESH	38738
UTTARAKHAND	2214
WEST BENGAL	60271
All	542955

Source:UDISE 2017-18(Provisional)

ANNEXURE-II**STATEMENT INDICATING THE DETAILS OF RECOGNIZED SCHOOLS USING HINDI AND/OR ENGLISH AND TAMIL AND/OR ENGLISH AS A MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTIONS AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF SCHOOL EDUCATION**

Number of Recognized Schools by medium of Instruction												
State/Uts	Medium of Instruction in Hindi				Medium of Instruction in English				Medium of Instruction in Tamil			
	Primary (Highest class 5)	Upper Primary (Highest class 8)	Secondary (Highest class 10)	Higher Secondary (highest class 12)	Primary (Highest class 5)	Upper Primary (Highest class 8)	Secondary (Highest class 10)	Higher Secondary (highest class 12)	Primary (Highest class 5)	Upper Primary (Highest class 8)	Secondary (Highest class 10)	Higher Secondary (highest class 12)
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	92	34	29	37	109	50	34	54	3	4	4	11
ANDHRA PRADESH	426	140	194	26	7546	4822	9527	1740	58	9	24	3
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	335	171	46	25	2247	1285	303	154	0	0	0	0
ASSAM	318	133	115	29	1693	695	956	535	0	0	0	0
BIHAR	39621	28282	3204	4170	661	2391	203	333	0	0	1	3
CHANDIGARH	8	12	40	31	8	23	56	90	0	1	1	0
CHHATTISGARH	32506	15563	1169	3448	3052	1951	229	743	1	0	1	0
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	0	1	0	1	11	26	5	14	0	0	0	0
DAMAN & DIU	1	1	1	3	17	9	7	12	0	0	0	0
DELHI	1936	333	213	1196	1545	847	326	1577	2	0	0	2
GOA	5	0	0	0	134	67	393	117	0	0	0	0
GUJARAT	149	697	91	250	821	1931	572	1171	0	2	0	1
HARYANA	9265	3978	2778	3623	736	1354	1078	2438	0	0	0	0
HIMACHAL PRADESH	10871	2292	1185	2103	2517	1213	831	1249	0	0	0	0
JAMMU & KASHMIR	609	288	81	15	14700	10332	3204	1074	0	0	0	0
JHARKHAND	24523	12725	2560	1133	455	342	210	406	0	0	0	0
KARNATAKA	32	74	39	19	1821	4616	6185	2946	26	104	11	2

Number of Recognized Schools by medium of Instruction												
State/Uts	Medium of Instruction in Hindi				Medium of Instruction in English				Medium of Instruction in Tamil			
	Primary (Highest class 5)	Upper Primary (Highest class 8)	Secondary (Highest class 10)	Higher Secondary (highest class 12)	Primary (Highest class 5)	Upper Primary (Highest class 8)	Secondary (Highest class 10)	Higher Secondary (highest class 12)	Primary (Highest class 5)	Upper Primary (Highest class 8)	Secondary (Highest class 10)	Higher Secondary (highest class 12)
KERALA	2	3	4	10	1713	1861	1350	2698	145	25	25	38
LAKSHADWEEP	2	0	0	1	13	12	1	12	0	0	0	0
MADHYA PRADESH	86627	46505	7584	7688	3116	7099	1538	2805	2	4	0	0
MAHARASHTRA	903	1188	799	423	5137	4326	3909	2869	6	33	1	1
MANIPUR	149	104	104	39	2208	903	872	230	1	0	0	0
MEGHALAYA	51	132	11	4	4482	3469	1280	315	0	0	0	0
MIZORAM	0	3	2	0	604	1307	644	161	0	0	0	0
NAGALAND	6	17	8	6	1258	815	582	178	0	0	0	0
ODISHA	193	529	563	98	2750	2140	1151	950	0	0	1	0
PUDUCHERRY	0	0	2	1	281	76	178	172	88	41	66	57
PUNJAB	616	855	1182	1606	1815	2164	2827	3793	0	0	0	0
RAJASTHAN	37833	34400	10478	17218	1720	3789	1188	2011	0	0	0	0
SIKKIM	38	28	7	6	709	323	146	98	0	0	0	0
TAMIL NADU	15	1	3	11	11367	3898	3154	6227	28801	8624	3887	4470
TELANGANA	34	4	30	1	5460	4898	8404	1791	4	0	1	0
TRIPURA	8	3	1	4	315	229	167	145	0	0	0	0
UTTAR PRADESH	156468	76531	9992	17347	7518	4266	594	1412	5	0	1	0
UTTARAKHAND	14551	4720	1200	1972	732	876	193	599	0	0	0	0
WEST BENGAL	2100	362	155	331	5638	1072	414	844	0	0	0	0
All	420293	230109	43870	62875	94909	75477	52711	41963	29142	8847	4024	4588

Source: UDISE 2017-18(Provisional)