

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3578
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2020

Matribhasha Diwas

3578. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has recently celebrated/organized the Matribhasha Diwas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the aims and objectives of celebrating/organizing such Diwas;
- (c) the details of various activities in different languages organized by the Government in the said Diwas; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote and protect the various languages used by the people across the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (c): Yes Sir. The Government of India has celebrated the Matribhasha Diwas (Mother Language Day) on 21.2.2020 in all Educational Institutions. 21st February of every year is observed as International Mother Language Day to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism with following main objectives:

i) to encourage usage of the mother tongue, and also learn other Indian languages as well

ii) to understand diverse cultures in India and various forums of literature, craft, performing arts, scripts and other forms of creative expression.

The Ministry of HRD advised all the Educational Institutions for celebrating the Matribhasha Diwas by organising various activities like Elocution, debating, singing, essay writing and painting competitions, music performances, exhibitions, etc. Ministry of HRD and Ministry of Culture jointly organised an inaugural programme in New Delhi on the eve of Matribhasha Diwas.

(d): The policy of the Government is to promote all Indian Languages. Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore works for the promotion of all Indian languages and there are separate Institutions for development and promotion of Hindi, Urdu, Sindhi and Sanskrit languages.

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