

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3632
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2020

Study of Malayalam in Kerala Schools

3632. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that most of the States have introduced compulsory learning of the respective State language including Malayalam in Kerala and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is also aware that the State Public Service Commissions has now made the respective State language compulsory to take their exams and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Kendriya Vidyalayas outside Kerala State is allowing students to take Malayalam as a language of study and also issuing equivalency certificate;
- (d) if so, the reasons for depriving the same for the students studying within the State of Kerala;
- (e) whether this facility is likely to be made available to them for enabling them to compete in the Kerala Public Service Commission's exam also and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

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

- (a) As per the information available with this Ministry, the State Governments of Kerala, Telangana, Punjab, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra have made Acts for making their local language compulsory in schools.

(b) No such information is available with the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

(c) & (d) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has informed that the article 112 of their Education Code provides that additional arrangement for teaching of the regional language/mother tongue shall be made, provided 15 or more students are willing to opt for the same. For this purpose, part-time contractual teacher shall be engaged after obtaining sanction of the Deputy Commissioner of KVS of concerned region. These provisions are applicable from class VI to VIII and where need be in class IX and X also. The Regional language will be taught during the school hours for about two to three periods per week.

(e) & (f) KVS has informed that the provision of learning Malayalam gives opportunity to the students to learn the said language which can be utilized by them for writing competitive exam exams.

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