

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3000  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2021**

**Promotion of Regional Indian Languages**

**3000. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:  
SHRI L.S.TEJASVI SURYA:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by the Government to promote the learning of Regional languages and dialects with the help of technology;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of any steps being taken by the entrepreneurial community in the country to promote the learning of regional Indian languages and dialects using technology, and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) & (b): The policy of the Government is to promote all Indian Languages including Regional Languages. National Education Policy, 2020 envisages the medium of instruction until at least grade-5 as regional language.

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) offers 27 regional languages in classes IX-X and 24 languages in classes XI-XII. Schools affiliated to CBSE are using technology for improving interaction with students and enhancing their learning outcomes by using online and other methods. Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) works for the promotion of all Indian languages including regional languages and there are separate Institutions for development and promotion of Hindi, Urdu, Sindhi and Sanskrit languages.

The Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) is providing publication grant towards the publication of University level books in regional languages. The National Translation Mission implemented through the CIIL under which the books of knowledge texts mostly text books of various subjects prescribed in Universities and Colleges are being translated in all Languages of the 8<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Constitution of India. University Grants Commission promotes regional languages in higher education course in the country and supports Universities under the scheme "Establishment of Centre for Endangered Languages in Central Universities".

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