

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3028**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2021**

**Medical and Technical Education in regional languages**

**3028. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:  
SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:**

**Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has examined the recommendation of the 15th Finance Commission's to have medical and technical education in regional languages and if so, details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has accepted the above recommendation and worked out the implementation mechanism of the policy keeping in mind the linguistic diversity of the nation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the policy will be extended to other streams;
- (e) the number of professors present in the Institutions of eminence who can teach in regional language Institutions;
- (f) whether the Government is planning to translate reference materials to vernacular language; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

**(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (e): The Fifteenth Finance Commission, inter-alia, recommends development of professional courses in regional languages. This is in line with the National Education Policy 2020 which envisages imparting programmes in higher education, using mother tongue/local language as a medium of instruction, and/or offer programmes bilingually, in order to increase access and Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) and also to promote the strength, usage, and vibrancy of all Indian languages. Drawing upon the National Education Policy (2020), the Government of India has constituted a Task

Force for suggesting modalities for imparting technical education in regional languages.

(f) and (g): The government is working towards translating reference materials for courses of engineering in major regional languages. Further, SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) is a Govt. of India's own Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) platform, which has been offering online courses in disciplines such as Science, Engineering & Technology, Humanities & Social Sciences, Law, Management etc. The current status of translation of SWAYAM courses is as below:

Sl.No.	Language	Number of courses translated
1.	Bengali	51
2.	Gujarati	57
3.	Hindi	130
4.	Kannada	40
5.	Malayalam	48
6.	Marathi	47
7.	Tamil	94
8.	Telugu	54
	Total	521

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