

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4280**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021**

**Road Map on Imparting Technical Education in the Mother Tongue**

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up a task force for preparing a roadmap on imparting technical education in the mother tongue;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether availability of professional courses, especially scientific and technical ones, only in English favours English-educated students of cities and leave the rural students educated in Indian languages in the lurch;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there is an urgent need for providing Scientific and Technical education in Indian languages like in Russia, Germany, Japan, China etc; and
- (f) if so, the Government's reaction thereto and other steps being taken by the Government to impart technical education in Indian languages

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

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

(a) to (f): National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 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 with the objective to nurture the talent among students who have pursued their education in local language for their smooth transition into technical education.

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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