

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 320
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH DECEMBER, 2021**

Teaching Bhojpuri in Schools

***320. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government, under the New Education Policy, 2020, plans to promote elementary education in Bhojpuri, the regional language of Bihar and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is true that Bhojpuri has been discontinued to be taught in schools and colleges in Bihar; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government for conservation and promotion of Bhojpuri language of Bihar?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA
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REGARDING TEACHING BHOJPURI IN SCHOOLS ASKED BY DR. SANJAY
JAISWAL, HON'BLE MP:**

(a) to (c): Education is in the concurrent list of the Constitution and majority of the schools are under the domain of the States/UTs. As envisaged in para 4.11 of NEP 2020, wherever possible, the medium of instruction until at least Grade 5, but preferably till Grade 8 and beyond, is to be the home language/mother tongue/local language/regional language. Thereafter, the home/local language shall continue to be taught as a language wherever possible.

As per information received from the State of Bihar, Bhojpuri language has not been discontinued from school curriculum. As per the Bihar State Curriculum 2008, textbooks for class 1 to 12 in Bhojpuri have been developed and uploaded on DIKSHA platform. Further, state government has policy to promote regional languages for primary education.
