

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2369  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2021**

**Removing Tamil Language from Kendriya Vidyalayas**

**2369. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware about the removal of Tamil Language as language of choice in Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also aware about the induction of Sanskrit language as language of choice in place of Tamil language in KV Schools of Tamil Nadu and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Tamil language is being neglected in the State KVs while other regional languages are taught in KVs in their respective States and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

(a) to (d) Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) are opened primarily to cater to the educational needs of the wards of transferable Central Government Employees including Defence & Para-Military personnel, Central Autonomous Bodies, Central Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and Central Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) by providing a common programme of education. KVs are following a common scheme of education as per its mandate, with common syllabus, text books and language so that the students are not inconvenienced when they move from one KV to the other when their parents are transferred. However, as per Article 112 of Education Code for Kendriya Vidyalayas, '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'. Temporary teachers are engaged to teach local / regional languages including Tamil, provided there is a demand and sufficient numbers of student are available. As Part of the common scheme of education, Sanskrit is taught as third language in classes VI to VIII since long.

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