GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4033 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2022

Medium of Instruction in Higher/Technical Education

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the medium of instruction of medical, engineering and other courses for graduation/post-graduation is English medium only and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the material of these courses of higher education is available in Hindi medium and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a large number of students of Hindi medium and students from rural areas are deprived of these technical and other courses of higher education due to English medium of instruction as they face difficulties in reading, understanding and writing their subjects in English and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of courses of higher education where medium of instruction is both in Hindi and English along with the details of such courses where the Government is considering to introduce medium of instruction as Hindi along with English; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to make necessary arrangements for study of various courses of technical and higher education through Hindi medium?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (e): National Education Policy (2020) envisages imparting more programmes in higher education, using mother tongue/local language as 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. Government of India has granted permission to 19 Engineering Colleges in 10 States to run 26 program in 6 Indian Languages. Translation of 2744 lectures and validation of 2225 lectures into eight (8) different Indian regional languages has

been completed for technical courses. 160 Technical Books have also been translated in Regional Languages. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has developed a tool called 'AICTE Translation Automation Artificial Intelligence Tool' to translate English Language online courses into twelve different languages. The above are some efforts so that no student is deprived of Higher Education due to language limitation.
