SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

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(b) whether Maithili language, which is world’s sweetest and classical language and included both in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution and in the syllabus of Central Board of Secondary Education, is likely to be included in CTET; and

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ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

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The Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) is conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in 20 languages viz., (i) English, (ii) Hindi, (iii) Assamese, (iv) Bengali, (v) Garo, (vi) Gujarati, (vii) Kannada, (viii) Khasi, (ix) Malayalam, (x) Manipuri, (xi) Marathi, (xii) Mizo, (xiii) Nepali, (xiv) Oriya, (xv) Punjabi, (xvi) Sanskrit, (xvii) Tamil, (xviii) Telugu, (xix) Tibetan, (xx) Urdu, since its first examination held on 01.04.2011. Advisory and implementation Committee of CTET in its 4th meeting held on 24.04.2014 decided that "Maithili language is not used as the medium of instruction for class I-VIII and is also a sub language of Hindi, the same has not therefore, been given as language option for the CTET examination."

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The inconvenience caused is regretted.