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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3785
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Three Languages Formula in Schools

3785. Smt. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the languages taught under the three-language formula in different States across the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of the number of students studying these languages;

(c) the details of the number of students studying non-Hindi Indian languages in the Hindi speaking States, State-wise;

(d) the details of the number of Tamil, Hindi and Sanskrit faculties currently working in the Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) in Tamil Nadu;

(e) whether the KVs has formulated any plans/policies to teach students in their respective Mother tongues; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c) The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, *inter-alia*, at para 4.13, provides that the three-language formula will continue to be implemented while keeping in mind the Constitutional provisions, aspirations of the people, regions, and the Union, and the need to promote multilingualism as well as promote national unity. However, there will be a greater flexibility in the three-language formula, and no language will be imposed on any State. The three languages learned by children will be the choices of States, regions, and of course the students themselves, so long as at least two of the three languages are native to India. In particular, students who wish to change one or more of the three languages they are studying may do so in Grade 6 or 7, as long as they are able to demonstrate basic proficiency in three languages (including one language of India at the literature level) by the end of secondary school.

As a follow-up of NEP 2020, the National Curriculum Framework for School Education has been developed and it provides roadmap for implementation perspectives of NEP 2020 on Languages Education in India.

The State-wise data on number and percentage of schools offering 1, 2 & 3 languages alongwith student enrolment is **annexed.**

(d) to (f) Kendriya Vidyalayas are "specified category" schools as defined in Right to Education (RTE) Act and have been established with a mandate to have a uniform scheme of education. Therefore, the sanctioned posts of language teachers are that of Hindi, English and Sanskrit. However, there is an enabling provision for teaching of other languages for the willing students between classes VI to VIII vide Art 112 of the Education Code for Kendriya Vidyalaya. As per this provision, a teacher can be engaged on part time contractual basis if 15 or more students opt for it.

The teachers engaged in Kendriya Vidyalayas on part time contractual basis for teaching of Tamil as opted by the students is 24. Additionally, learning of Tamil language in 21 KVs is being undertaken through Tamil Virtual Academy (TVA), an autonomous organization under Tamil Nadu State for the students interested in learning of the language. There are 86 Hindi and 65 Sanskrit faculty working in the state of Tamil Nadu at present.

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Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3785 Answered on 24.03.2025 asked by Smt. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, Hon'ble MP regarding 'Three Languages Formula in Schools'.

1. **State wise Number and Percentage of Schools offering 1 Language, 2 Languages and 3 Languages**

India/State/UT	Number of schools teaching			% of schools teaching		
	1 Language	2 Languages	3 Languages	1 Language	2 Languages	3 Languages
India	149065	416601	906225	10.1	28.3	61.6
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	4	188	220	1.0	45.6	53.4
Andhra Pradesh	5899	28778	26696	9.6	46.9	43.5
Arunachal Pradesh	184	3296	10	5.3	94.4	0.3
Assam	4303	33278	19049	7.6	58.8	33.6
Bihar	22791	24717	47178	24.1	26.1	49.8
Chandigarh	1	5	224	0.4	2.2	97.4
Chhattisgarh	4015	12810	39790	7.1	22.6	70.3
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	3	11	418	0.7	2.5	96.8
Delhi	19	2254	3224	0.3	41.0	58.7
Goa	20	759	708	1.3	51.0	47.6
Gujarat	890	379	52357	1.7	0.7	97.6
Haryana	371	9526	13620	1.6	40.5	57.9
Himachal Pradesh	1532	6415	9879	8.6	36.0	55.4
Jammu & Kashmir	763	3804	19729	3.1	15.7	81.2
Jharkhand	8432	18715	17328	19.0	42.1	39.0
Karnataka	3768	14151	57950	5.0	18.7	76.4
Kerala	523	3974	11367	3.3	25.1	71.7
Ladakh	12	213	770	1.2	21.4	77.4
Lakshadweep	0	1	36	0.0	2.7	97.3
Madhya Pradesh	11428	43596	68388	9.3	35.3	55.4
Maharashtra	3843	30052	74342	3.6	27.8	68.7
Manipur	1551	620	2475	33.4	13.3	53.3
Meghalaya	2224	9612	2765	15.2	65.8	18.9
Mizoram	234	1405	2302	5.9	35.7	58.4
Nagaland	1368	1288	69	50.2	47.3	2.5
Odisha	6525	25599	29569	10.6	41.5	47.9
Puducherry	30	415	290	4.1	56.5	39.5
Punjab	561	477	26366	2.0	1.7	96.2
Rajasthan	12146	25463	70148	11.3	23.6	65.1
Sikkim	19	117	1118	1.5	9.3	89.2
Tamil Nadu	21725	35092	1905	37.0	59.8	3.2
Telangana	441	15632	26828	1.0	36.4	62.5
Tripura	1060	1141	2722	21.5	23.2	55.3
Uttar Pradesh	23280	20693	211114	9.1	8.1	82.8
Uttarakhand	1130	1717	19704	5.0	7.6	87.4
West Bengal	7970	40408	45567	8.5	43.0	48.5

*Source: UDISE+ 2023-24

2. State wise Number and Percentage of Enrolments in Schools offering 1 Language, 2

India/State/UT	Enrolment in school teaching			% Enrolment in school teaching		
	1 Language	2 Languages	3 Languages	1 Language	2 Languages	3 Languages
India	21075241	41652050	185318537	8.5	16.8	74.7
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2235	10505	59379	3.1	14.6	82.3
Andhra Pradesh	468767	1652172	6620946	5.4	18.9	75.7
Arunachal Pradesh	10642	306881	6194	3.3	94.8	1.9
Assam	347779	2520139	4054615	5.0	36.4	58.6
Bihar	4842814	4125101	12380234	22.7	19.3	58.0
Chandigarh	413	3646	261647	0.2	1.4	98.5
Chhattisgarh	328052	849385	4599111	5.7	14.7	79.6
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	239	2560	138483	0.2	1.8	98.0
Delhi	6041	863595	3636942	0.1	19.2	80.7
Goa	2319	42057	260359	0.8	13.8	85.4
Gujarat	196224	83498	11216987	1.7	0.7	97.6
Haryana	66608	1140257	4392877	1.2	20.4	78.4
Himachal Pradesh	61208	271179	1094025	4.3	19.0	76.7
Jammu & Kashmir	66517	370954	2192478	2.5	14.1	83.4
Jharkhand	1073728	1855203	4214324	15.0	26.0	59.0
Karnataka	429307	826801	10670195	3.6	6.9	89.5
Kerala	109745	765850	5406109	1.7	12.2	86.1
Ladakh	260	8604	47778	0.5	15.2	84.4
Lakshadweep	0	185	12406	0.0	1.5	98.5
Madhya Pradesh	990592	2446709	11924242	6.4	15.9	77.6
Maharashtra	615271	2159006	18601693	2.9	10.1	87.0
Manipur	127050	64678	455706	19.6	10.0	70.4
Meghalaya	143686	601671	307527	13.6	57.1	29.2
Mizoram	11350	87025	195388	3.9	29.6	66.5
Nagaland	251727	149064	12184	61.0	36.1	3.0
Odisha	674492	1709756	5372662	8.7	22.0	69.3
Puducherry	5573	78733	160522	2.3	32.2	65.6
Punjab	76144	108749	5803788	1.3	1.8	96.9
Rajasthan	1209219	1765128	13811718	7.2	10.5	82.3
Sikkim	2369	6237	112789	2.0	5.1	92.9
Tamil Nadu	4083015	7509693	1400342	31.4	57.8	10.8
Telangana	50651	732979	6510014	0.7	10.0	89.3
Tripura	63470	104910	521028	9.2	15.2	75.6
Uttar Pradesh	3751911	4152402	33758481	9.0	10.0	81.0
Uttarakhand	115806	290915	1965679	4.9	12.3	82.9
West Bengal	890017	3985823	13139685	4.9	22.1	72.9

Languages and 3 Languages

*Source: UDISE+ 2023-24