

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 67
ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025**

Regional Languages in KVs and JNVs

67. Dr. Sharmila Sarkar:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the inclusion of local languages as a compulsory subject is being considered for all KVs and JNVs across the country, if so, the timeline fixed for the same; and
- (c) the details of the local languages being taught in KVs and JNVs currently, including the number of schools offering each language?

ANSWER

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

- (a) State/UT-wise details of Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) sanctioned across the country are at **Annexure I**.
- (b) Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti: The local/regional language is included as a compulsory subject in all Navodaya Vidyalayas from class VI to IX.

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan: Kendriya Vidyalayas are primarily opened 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 Undertaking (PSUs) and Central Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) by providing a common programme of education throughout the country. KVs follow a uniform, centralized curriculum based on the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) across the country.

Further, Article 112 of the Education Code of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) has provisions for teaching regional languages which provides for additional arrangement for teaching of the regional language/ mother tongue, provided 15 or more students are willing to opt for the same. For this, part-time contractual teachers are appointed.

Additionally, as approved by Board of Governors (BoG) of KVS, all KVs have been directed to engage local/regional language teachers on contractual basis on a need-based requirement to support children at the Foundational and Preparatory stages, especially when they face difficulties in understanding concepts taught in Hindi or English.

(c) The details of the local languages being taught in KVs and JNVs including the number of schools offering these languages are at **Annexures II and III** respectively.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 67 RAISED BY DR. SHARMILA SARKAR, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025 REGARDING "Regional Languages in KVs and JNVs."

State/UT-wise details of Kendriya Vidyalayas (KVs) and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) sanctioned across the country

S. No.	Name of State/ UT	Number of KVs	Number of JNVs
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	02	03
2	Andhra Pradesh	48	15
3	Arunachal Pradesh	21	26
4	Assam	59	34
5	Bihar	72	39
6	Chandigarh	05	01
7	Chhattisgarh	41	28
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	02	03
9	Delhi	47	09
10	Goa	05	02
11	Gujarat	50	34
12	Haryana	36	21
13	Himachal Pradesh	32	12
14	Jammu & Kashmir	51	21
15	Jharkhand	45	26
16	Karnataka	56	32
17	Kerala	40	14
18	Lakshadweep	01	01
19	Ladakh	03	02
20	Madhya Pradesh	127	54
21	Maharashtra	63	35
22	Manipur	09	14
23	Meghalaya	07	12
24	Mizoram	04	08
25	Nagaland	05	11
26	Odisha	82	31
27	Puducherry	04	04
28	Punjab	52	23
29	Rajasthan	88	35
30	Sikkim	02	04
31	Tamil Nadu	49	--*
32	Telangana	39	16
33	Tripura	12	08
34	Uttar Pradesh	134	76
35	Uttarakhand	50	13
36	West Bengal	62	22
	TOTAL	1405	689

*The State of Tamil Nadu (**38 Districts**) has not yet accepted the Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme.

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The details of the local languages being taught in KVs and number of schools offering these languages

S.N.	Name of the Regional Language(s) taught	No. of KVs
01	Gujarati	04
02	Kannada	48
03	Punjabi	55
04	Tamil	36
05	Malayalam	42
06	Assamese	26
07	Bodo	2
08	Marathi	8
09	Bengali	3
10	Manipuri	2
Total		226

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The details of the local languages being taught in JNVs and number of schools offering these languages

Sr. No.	Language being taught	No. of JNVs
1	Assamese	51
2	Bangla	28
3	Bodo	4
4	Garro	5
5	Gujarati	37
6	Hindi	318
7	Kannada	31
8	Khasi	7
9	Malayalam	16
10	Manipuri	14
11	Marathi	36
12	Mizo	8
13	Nepali	5
14	Odia	31
15	Punjabi	24
16	Tamil	2
17	Telugu	31
18	Urdu	17
Total		665
