

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL AND MINOR LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Commissioner Linguistic Minorities in its 41st report has observed that more attention should be paid for the development of Tribal and Minor languages and elementary education should be imparted in these languages; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to develop tribal and minor languages in the light of above observations?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) Yes sir.

(b) The Commissioner, Linguistic Minorities has observed that various States are not giving as much attention to the minor languages as they should. Details are included in the chapters pertaining to the various States, wherein States have also been advised to take remedial measures.

Since the matter pertains to States, Ministry of Tribal Affairs have already requested the State Governments and the Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs) to take necessary steps in this regard.

The Ministry of HRD, being the nodal Ministry on the issue, have also been requested to take necessary steps in the matter.