

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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HINDI LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the compulsory education of Hindi language has been limited upto class-VIII in the new syllabus of CBSE and new students are free to study Sanskrit, French or Spanish in place of Hindi from Class-IX; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b): As per existing provisions of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), students are required to study three languages upto Class VIII out of which one shall be Hindi. No student shall be eligible to appear at the Secondary School Examination of the Board at the end of Class X unless he/she has cleared the third language. Hindi or English has to be one of the two languages offered at Secondary level (Classes IX & X). Provisions also exists for the study of Sanskrit, French or Spanish at the Secondary level as one of the two languages in the scheme of studies. The candidates are also free to offer Hindi as an additional subject at the class X examinations.