

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

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JAPANESE LANGUAGE IN CURRICULUM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed a MOU with Japan to include Japanese into CBSE curriculum as reported in Times of India dated 28.11.2005;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by when it is likely to be introduced; and
- (d) the aims and objectives of including Japanese language in CBSE syllabus?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A joint statement entitled "India-Japan Partnership in a New Asian Era; Strategic Orientation of India-Japan Global Partnership" has been signed between India and Japan, on 29.4.2005, under which both the countries will work together to promote Japanese language studies in India, with a target of 30,000 learners at different levels in next five years, and through measures including the introduction of Japanese language as an optional foreign language in Indian secondary school curriculum.
- (c): The Board intends to introduce the course in Class VI from the academic year 2006-07 and progressively in other classes.
- (d): The objective of introducing Japanese and other foreign languages in the Curriculum is to facilitate the interested students to acquire necessary skills for global competitiveness.