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Title: Need to enact a law ensuring teaching of one regional language of the State especially mother tongue in the schools of the country.

SHRI A. SAMPATH (ATTINGAL): Some of the schools in various States have virtually banned the usage of the regional languages and even the conversations among children in their mother tongue. There have been reports from different corners about the fines and other punishments imposed for uttering words of mother tongue instead of English language. These reports should not go un-noticed. The importance of Indian Languages especially the mother tongue of children should not be left at the mercy of the school managements and those who are engaged in teachings. Hence, in the interest of national integrity and pride as well as to build the confidence of children regarding their mother tongue. I urge upon the Government of India to urgently enact a law to ensure that in all schools at least one regional language of the concerned State especially the mother tongue is taught as part of the curriculum.