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Title: Need to introduce Tamil language in Kendriya Vidyalayas in Tamil Nadu.

SHRIMATI J. HELEN DAVIDSON (KANYAKUMARI): The regional languages of some States in India are taught in Kendriya Vidyalayas in their respective States. In Tamil Nadu, Tamil language is taught in all Government Schools, Government aided schools, Matriculation Schools and CBSE schools, but not taught in all Kendriya Vidyalayas except few KVs. In Tamil Nadu, every Kendriya Vidyalaya has got more than 60% students from Tamil Nadu whose mother tongue is Tamil. But they do not study Tamil language in KVs in the State.

Under Article 112 in the Education Code of Kendriya Vidyaiaaya Sangathan, which provides for teaching of a regional language/mother tongue when 20 or more students opt for it, Tamil is introduced as an additional subject. Apart from English that is a medium of instruction, Hindi and Sanskrit are taught in these schools. But Tamil language is not taught in most KVs in Tamil Nadu.

There is a persistent demand from students, parents and PTA to teach Tamil language to all interested Tamil students in Kendriya Vidyalayas in Tamil Nadu. Hence, I urge to introduce Tamil language in Kendriya Vidyaiaaya, Konam, Nagercoil and other KVs in Tamil Nadu under Article 112 in the Education Code of KVS from the academic year 2013-2014.