

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has, prepared a legislation titled "National Academic Depository Bill, 2011" which provides for maintenance of a national database of academic awards in electronic format in a depository to be known as the National Academic Depository and for verification and authentication of such awards.

(b) The Depository will be notified upon enactment of the said legislation.

Learning of Chinese (Mandarin) language in schools

2107. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schools run under CBSE pattern which have introduced learning of Chinese (Mandarin) language along with the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether any private schools also giving such facility; and

(c) whether Government has any special encouragement schemes to make more students to learn Chinese language?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has decided to introduce Mandarin Chinese in the schools affiliated to CBSE from the academic year 2011-12 on pilot basis. The Board has selected 20 schools of Delhi and NCR region for introduction of the Mandarin Chinese from academic year 2011-12. The following 20 schools have been selected-

State	No. of Kendriya Vidyalayas	No. of Private Independent Schools
Delhi	15	02
Uttar Pradesh	01 (Ghaziabad)	01 (Indrapuram)
Haryana	01 (Gurgoan)	
TOTAL	17	03

(c) CBSE does not impose any restriction on its affiliated schools to offer Chinese Language. At present there is no special scheme to make students to learn Chinese Language.