

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 343  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4.02.2021**

**Imparting education in mother tongue**

**343# SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:**

**Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that from academic session 2021-2022, Government is considering to impart technical and medical education in mother tongue, on pilot basis;
- (b) whether it is a fact that most of the directors and registrars of IITs are opposing this initiative; and
- (c) if so, Government's plan to implement this decision?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

- (a) to (c) Government of India is considering to impart technical education in mother tongue in technical institutes from the academic session 2021-2022 on pilot basis with the objective to nurture the talent among students who have pursued their education in local language for their smooth transition into technical education . This is in alignment with the National Education Policy, 2020, according to which more programmes in higher education, will use the mother tongue/local language as a medium of instruction, and/or offer programmes bilingually, in order to increase access and Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) and also to promote the strength, usage, and vibrancy of all Indian languages. A Task Force Committee has also been constituted for implementation of the same with representations from Directors from different Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institute of Technology(NITs).

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