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

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(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 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).