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Text books in scheduled languages

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

- (a) the list of languages that the NCERT books are published in;
- (b) whether Government has taken measures to develop textbooks in languages that are not a part of the eighth schedule, considering that the Odisha government's repeated requests to include various languages in the 8th schedule have not yet been accepted; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) The existing National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) textbooks developed as a follow-up of National Curriculum Framework (NCF)-2005 are published in the following languages:

Sl.No.	Name of language	Sl.No.	Name of language
1.	Hindi	7.	Gujarati
2.	English	8.	Punjabi
3.	Urdu	9.	Mizo
4.	Kannada	10.	Konkani
5.	Telugu	11.	Bhoti
6.	Marathi		

In addition, the e-content including e-textbooks are available in 38 languages on DIKSHA portal. As a follow-up of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the mathematics textbook for Grades I and II has also been made digitally available in 18 languages including Hindi, English, and Urdu.

(b) & (c) The NEP, 2020, inter-alia, encourages that high quality textbook be made available in regional languages. In 2023, NCERT books/primers have been published in Bhoti, Kuwi and Desia languages. These languages are not included in the VIII Schedule of the Constitution. Further, education being a subject in the concurrent list of the Constitution of India and majority of the schools are under the jurisdiction of State/Union Territory (UT) Governments, it is for the respective State/UT Governments to provide textbooks in their regional languages.
