

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 214**

ANSWERED ON 24/07/2024

Empowering Education through Languages

214 # Dr. Medha Vishram Kulkarni:

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

- (a) whether 52 primers in Indian languages have been introduced to promote education in mother tongue;
- (b) if so, the details of the contents of these primers and the process of their distribution; and
- (c) the changes observed in the learning outcomes of students with the use of these primers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(Shri Jayant Chaudhary)

(a) to (c) The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 highlights the need of preserving and promoting the nation's diverse linguistic heritage (Chapter 22), while also laying emphasis is on fostering education in a child's native language to facilitate their overall development (Paragraph 4.11).

To achieve these goals, NCERT in collaboration with Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) had prepared 52 Primers, which were released by the Hon'ble Education Minister on 9th March 2024, in addition to 2 Primers released earlier. These Primers are prepared for primary level in scheduled languages, Official languages of State/UTs and languages spoken by more than 27,000 numbers of speakers. The Primers mainly emphasizes on the introduction of **sounds, alphabets, reading and writing practice** for the children.

Till date, 54 Primers have already been prepared and digitally made available by uploading on NCERT portal (<https://ncert.nic.in/primers.php?ln=en>) and DIKSHA portal in regional and tribal languages. In addition, these primers have been disseminated by e-mail and print form to all the Education Departments of States/UTs for further distribution to all schools as per the requirement.

The list of 54 Primers has been placed as Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO PART (A) TO (C) OF THE REPLY OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 214 ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024 ASKED BY Dr. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING EMPOWERING EDUCATION THROUGH LANGUAGES

| S.NO. | Name of Primers | State(s) |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Anal | Manipur |
| 2 | Angami | Nagaland |
| 3 | Assanmese | Assam |
| 4 | Ao | Nagaland |
| 5 | Bhutia | Sikkim |
| 6 | Bodo | Assam |
| 7 | Deori | Assam |
| 8 | Dimasa | Assam |
| 9 | Gadaba | Odisha |
| 10 | Garo | Meghalaya |
| 11 | Halbi | Chattishgarh |
| 12 | Hmar | Assam |
| 13 | Jatapu | Andhra Pradesh |
| 14 | Juang | Odisha |
| 15 | Kabui (Rongmei) | Manipur |
| 16 | Karbi | Assam |
| 17 | Khandeshi | Maharashtra |
| 18 | Kharia | Jharkhand |
| 19 | Khezha | Nagaland |
| 20 | Kinnauri | Himachal Pradesh |
| 21 | Kodava | Karnataka |
| 22 | Konda | Andhra Pradesh |
| 23 | Koya | Andhra Pradesh |
| 24 | Korku | Madhya Pradesh |
| 25 | Kui | Odisha |
| 26 | Kurukh | Jharkhand |
| 27 | Kisan | Odisha |
| 28 | Lepcha | Sikkim |
| 29 | Liangmai | Manipur |
| 30 | Limbu | Sikkim |
| 31 | Lotha | Nagaland |
| 32 | Manipuri | Manipur |

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| 33 | Mao | Manipur |
| 34 | Mishmi (Idu) | Arunachal Pradesh |
| 35 | Mising | Assam |
| 36 | Mizo | Mizoram |
| 37 | Mogh | Tripura |
| 38 | Mundari | Jharkhand |
| 39 | Nepali | Sikkim |
| 40 | Nyishi (Nissi) | Arunachal Pradesh |
| 41 | Rai | Sikkim |
| 42 | Santali Bengali | West Bengal |
| 43 | Santali Odia | Odisha |
| 44 | Sherpa | Sikkim |
| 45 | Sora | Odisha |
| 46 | Sumi | Nagaland |
| 47 | Tamang | Sikkim |
| 48 | Tangkhul | Manipur |
| 49 | Tangsa | Arunachal Pradesh |
| 50 | Tiwa | Assam |
| 51 | Tulu | Karnataka |
| 52 | Wancho | Arunachal Pradesh |
| 53 | Desia | Odisha |
| 54 | Kuwi | Odisha |
