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Indian sign language dictionary policy under the new education policyNew Delhi, 08th December, 2021

The National Education Policy 2020 at para 4.22, *inter-alia*, recommends for standardization of the Indian Sign Language (ISL) across the country and development of National and State curriculum materials for use by students with hearing impairment. The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) for developing NCERT textbook based videos in Indian Sign Language. ISLRTC has prepared and launched 10,000 words ISL Dictionary in video format. The dictionary is available on DIKSHA Portal for wider access and dissemination among stakeholders. NCERT is strengthening this dictionary by embedding audio and sub titles in the videos so that the reach of 10,000 words dictionary is not restricted to the hearing impaired only. In addition, NCERT is also collaborating with ISLRTC to add new terms and words based on school curriculum to the existing ISL Dictionary of 10,000 words. So far, NCERT has developed 800 plus ISL videos from classes I to VI and uploaded on DIKSHA for its use by hearing impaired (HI) persons. These videos are also disseminated through PM eVidya (One Class, One Channel), DTH TV Channels, on regular basis to ensure coherent access of these e-contents.

The information was given by the Minister of State for Education, Smt. Annpurna Devi in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha today.

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