

SECONDARY

CURRICULUM

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

STATE & PRIVATE GRANT AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS - ASIAN LANGUAGES

(12/04/2022)

(No. B/261) Dr. M. Gungapersad (Second Member for Grand' Baie & Poudre d'Or) asked the Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology whether, in regard to asian languages, she will state the policies of her Ministry on the teaching and learning thereof in State and Private Grant Aided Secondary Schools.

Reply: I wish to inform the House that my Ministry promotes the teaching of Asian Languages in all schools. They are included in the panoply of subjects offered from Grades 7 to 9 in secondary schools as optional core subjects. The Ministry provides free textbooks to all learners having opted for Asian Language subjects from Grades 1 to 9.

Currently, the teaching of any Asian Language subject in secondary schools requires a minimum of 5 students as opposed to a minimum of 10 for other subjects. Schools where Asian Languages are taught in Grades 10 and 11 also offer these subjects in Grade 12 if there is a demand, regardless of the number of students taking the subject. This, with a view to offering students the opportunity to pursue the study of Asian Languages at upper secondary level.

As regards private aided schools, they are encouraged to offer these subjects whenever there is a demand.