

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1644**  
ANSWERED ON - 15/03/2023

**PROPOSAL TO PROMOTE REGIONAL LANGUAGES**

1644. SHRI BIPLAB KUMAR DEB:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to promote regional languages under NEP especially Kokborok and Bangala; and  
(b) if so, details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b): Yes sir. The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 focuses on the promotion of all scheduled and non-scheduled Indian Languages including Kokborok and Bangala languages. NEP, 2020 provides, wherever possible, for medium of instruction to be in the home language/mother tongue/local language upto at least class 5 and preferably upto class 8. The policy also provides for making available high quality text books in home language/mother tongue and encouraging teachers to use bilingual approach while teaching. Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) works for the promotion of all Indian languages including Kokborok and Bangala. Under its various schemes and projects, CIIL has produced knowledge text and dictionaries in Kokborok, which have been digitized and published on the Bharatavani website. CIIL also develops text and speech corpus which form the basis of developing tools and technology in Bangala. Glossary and other academic materials in Kokborok and Bangala languages have been developed for the regional language teachers and students.

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