

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3212**  
ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023

**National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language**

3212. SHRI JAWHAR SIRCAR:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the 37-member National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) is functioning with just 4 permanent members, consisting of Minister and 3 officials and that the other members have not been appointed for years;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the unworkable NCPUL has thus not been able to bulk purchase books, nor it has been able to assist organisations, conduct seminars and not even provide financial aid for book projects, educational centres and help research projects; and
- (c) why Government is not reconstituting the General Body of the Council to avoid these difficulties?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): The tenure of the last General Body of the NCPUL has expired on 04.12.2021. The proposal for reconstitution of the General Body of NCPUL is under consideration of the Ministry. One year Diploma Course in Computer Applications, Business Accounting and Multilingual Desk Top Publishing, Two year Diploma Courses in Calligraphy in Graphic design, one year Diploma course in Urdu, Functional Arabic and Certificate courses in Arabic and Persian languages are being carried by the Council. Further, activities on book promotion, academic Project/Collaboration & Urdu development, Production & Telecast of Urdu Duniya on TV, short term course on capacity building of working in Urdu Journalism are also being held.

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