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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL LANGUAGE ACADEMY

1472 # SMT. MAHUA MAJI :

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up a National Language Academy in the country to bring emotional integrity among various languages recognized by the Constitution;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) : National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 focuses on the promotion of all scheduled and non-scheduled Indian 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. Government of India has taken number of steps for the promotion of Regional Languages in the country. There is no proposal for setting up of National Language Academy.

Moreover, the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) with its headquarters at Mysuru and with seven Regional Language Centres set up for implementing language policy of Government of India. It was set up to help in evolving and implementing the language matters and also to assist and advise the State Governments on matter of languages. CIIL works for the promotion of all Scheduled, Non-Scheduled and Classical Languages. CIIL runs various schemes/projects for development/promotion of languages viz. Linguistic Data Consortium for Indian Languages, National Translation Mission, National Testing

Service, Bharatavani Project, Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages, etc. CIIL Works on all aspects of language development including scientific studies, description, documentation, and teaching-learning of Indian languages. It is also involved in Publication of research and pedagogical materials for Indian languages, development and distribution of resources for Language Technology and Book Promotion in 121 Indian languages through its Schemes, Projects and Grants-in-Aid, Online language learning /teaching courses, Language Data Archiving, Visual Documentation on language and its allied disciplines, creation of lexical resources like dictionaries, glossaries, thesauri, translation equivalents and it has published around 1200 books on Indian languages. CIIL is also involved in Socially-oriented outreach and extension programmes such as training of administrative staff in Indian languages. CIIL has trained about 14000 in-service and prospective teachers in developing proficiency in second/third language teachers from all States of India and thereby CIIL has been contributing to the emotional integration of the people of India through languages.
