

GOVERNMENT Of INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT Of HIGHER EDUCATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2294**  
**ANSWERED ON – 09.08.2023**

**RECONSTITUTION OF NCPUL**

2294. Shri Jawhar Sircar:

Will the Minister of Education be please to state:

**(a) whether Government has reconstituted the 37-member National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) and how long has it functioned with just 4 permanent members, consisting of Minister and 3 officials;**

**(b) if not, how long has the body remained without reconstitution;**

**(c) whether it is a fact that the unworkable NCPUL has thus not been able to do bulk purchase of books, nor has it been able to assist organisations, conduct seminars and not even provide financial aid for book projects, educational centres and help research projects; and**

**(d) is this indifference because the language is Urdu?**

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (d) : 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 Course in Calligraphy in Graphic design, one year Diploma course in Urdu, Functional Arabic and Certificate Courses in Arabic and Persian languages are being carried on by the Council. Further, activities on book promotion, academic Project/Collaboration & Urdu development, Production & Telecast of Urdu on TV, short term course on capacity building of working in Urdu Journalism are also being held.

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