

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2152
ANSWERED ON - 19/03/2025

SPENDING ON PROMOTION OF HINDI AND OTHER LANGUAGES

2152. Shri Ritabrata Banerjee:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has spent a considerable amount of money for the promotion of Hindi in the last ten years;
- (b) if so, the year-wise details thereof for last five years and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether similar amount has been spent for rest 21 languages of the Eighth Schedule in the last ten years;
- (d) if so, the year-wise details thereof for last five year; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (e): The policy of the Government of India is to promote all Indian Languages. The allocation of funds is not done on language specific basis; instead, it is divided into 4 budget heads. The funds are distributed under the following heads:

- i. Directorate of Hindi (CHD)
- ii. Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT)
- iii. Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL)
- iv. Grants for Promotion of Indian Languages (GPIL)

Central Hindi Directorate works for the promotion of Hindi Language and focuses mainly on preparation of Bilingual/Trilingual glossaries in the languages included in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution, Grants to Voluntary Hindi Organisations (VHOs), Hindi correspondence courses, etc.

Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology works to evolve technical terminology in all Indian Languages. Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) works for the promotion of all Indian languages.

Under Grants for Promotion of Indian Languages (GPIL), Government of India has established National Council of Promotion of Urdu Language, National Council of Promotion of Sindhi Language, Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, Maharishi Sandipani Rashtirya Ved Vidya Pratishthan and Central Institute of Classical Tamil for the promotion of Urdu, Sindhi, Hindi, Veda and Classical Tamil respectively.

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and University Grants Commission (UGC) have leveraged Anuvadini App to translate books for Under Graduate and Post Graduate courses and Technical books like engineering and law in multiple Indian languages. The translated books are available on e-KUMBH portal. UGC and AICTE have issued guidelines for preparation of text books and supporting the teaching-learning process in the mother tongue/local languages. Technical education is being imparted in certain AICTE approved institutions in various languages. National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) has been conducted in 13 languages. Joint Entrance Exam (JEE) is also conducted in 13 languages.

Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme (BBPS) has been announced in the Union Budget 2025-2026 to provide textbooks being taught at every level of School and Higher Education in 22 Indian languages in digital form.

Detailed information on the budget allocation over a ten year period for the promotion of various languages within these schemes is provided below:

(in crores)

SCHEME/YEAR	CIIL	CHD	CSTT	GPIL
2024-25	46.07	16.54	15.05	310.10
2023-24	61.37	39.77	13.00	300.70
2022-23	60.00	36.00	12.00	250.00
2021-22	57.88	30.00	12.00	433.00
2020-21	54.88	47.51	12.54	433.00
2019-20	45.07	46.30	12.10	425.70
2018-19	40.07	46.30	12.10	351.00
2017-18	40.50	46.53	12.10	351.00
2016-17	40.50	46.53	12.10	333.15
2015-16	41.35	43.90	10.69	321.24
