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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3538
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AUTONOMOUS BODIES FOR PROMOTION OF DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

3538 # Shri Manoj Kumar Jha:
Shri Javed Ali Khan:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of autonomous bodies related to development and promotion of various languages, under the Ministry whose Chairman is Hon'ble Minister of Education;
- (b) the number of meetings of these autonomous bodies taken place under his chairmanship for promotion of various languages during 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 till date, year-wise and autonomous body-wise;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to constitute a high level committee to review their functioning; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with other steps taken to strengthen their functioning?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a): The autonomous bodies under the Ministry, dedicated to the development and promotion of various languages and chaired by the Hon'ble Minister of Education, are as follows:

- i. National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL), Delhi
- ii. National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL), Delhi
- iii. Kendriya Hindi Sansthan (KHS), Agra
- iv. Maharishi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan (MSRVVP), Ujjain

National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) and National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL) work for the promotion, development and propagation of Urdu and Sindhi language respectively. Kendriya Hindi Sansthan (KHS) has been established for the promotion of Hindi and Maharishi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan (MSRVVP) works to preserve, promote, propagate and develop Oral Tradition of Vedic Studies/Shruti Parampara.

(b): These autonomous bodies are registered under Societies Registration Act 1860 and are governed by their Memorandum of Association (MoA). The Meetings of these bodies are held periodically as per the requirements.

(c) & (d): The Government of India has constituted a High-Powered Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Chamu Krishna Shastry to explore and recommend pathways for the holistic and multidisciplinary growth of Indian Languages as envisaged in the National Education Policy, 2020. The Committee's mandate is, inter-alia, to advise the Ministry on all matters pertaining to revitalization of existing language teaching and research and its extension in various institutions in the country.
