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RAJYA SABHA
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QUESTION
Promotion of Kokborok Language in Tripura

3237. Dr. V. Sivadasan:

Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any funds have been allocated or spent by Government for the promotion and development of the Kokborok language in Tripura during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the year-wise details of the amount allocated and spent; and
- (c) the specific programmes or initiatives undertaken for this purpose?

ANSWER

The Minister of State for the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
(Dr. Sukanta Majumdar)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Promotion of regional/endangered languages is primarily the responsibility of State Governments. Govt. of India also supplements the efforts of State Government in promoting and developing regional/endangered languages by supporting specific projects provided by States. A project titled “Integrated Kokborok Development of Language and Literature through research-oriented studies and appropriate documentation” with an outlay of Rs.3.35 Crore was sanctioned on 22.10.2024 under Schemes of NEC. First instalment of Rs.83.75 Lakh has been released on 15.07.2025 for the project.

As per Govt. of Tripura, support was also provided from the State Budget to Directorate of Kokborok & Other Minority Languages for carrying out various promotional & development activities of Kokborok Language; as given below:

(Rs. In lakh)

Financial Year	Total Fund Received	Total Expenditure made
2020-21	17.28	17.28
2021-22	54.32	54.32
2022-23	35.71	35.71
2023-24	35.71	35.71
2024-25	120.59	120.59

(c) Some of the components of the NEC project include: publication, compilation, translation and printing of books in Kokborok, workshop and seminars, furniture and equipment for upgradation of library, procurement of books, digital library and computer centre with projector and research equipment tools, research projects for language development, documentation, collection & preparation of Tipra(Kokborok speakers) art, music, folk dance, folk tales and folk songs etc. and also conducting Kokborok teaching classes(for non-Kokborok speakers).

The following programmes/initiatives have also been undertaken by Govt. of Tripura for this purpose:

- Teaching of Kokborok in the schools as one of the subjects;
- Organising Seminar, Workshops & Teachers Training in Kokborok;
- Publishing books/magazines of Kokborok & other minority languages;
- Introducing Online-Kokborok Learning Course for Government Employees;
- Preparing Comprehensive Study Materials/books for Kokborok Learning Courses; and
- Celebration of Kokborok Day on 19th January.
