

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-501
ANSWERED ON - 04/02/2026

Functioning of the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language

501. Shri Mohammed Nadimul Haque:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- a) whether proposals submitted by National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) since 2022 for the World Urdu Conference, research grants, seminars, publications or training centres have been acted upon;
- b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- c) the details of academic schemes, grant-in-aid programmes and Urdu-related events approved, deferred or declined in the last five years and steps taken to enable the Council to carry out its statutory and promotional functions; and
- d) whether the Vice-Chairperson and Principal Publication Officer posts are vacant and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) has been set up by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education as a registered Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The Council works for promotion, development and propagation of Urdu language. In furtherance of its mandate, NCPUL implements several schemes, offers certificate courses, academic projects etc. Academic and grant-in-aid schemes, as well as Urdu-related programmes undertaken by NCPUL are attached at Annexure-I. Further, Urdu-related public events are being organized regularly. World Urdu Conference on “Viksit Bharat ka Vision, Urdu Zaban ka Mission” was organised from 21st to 23rd February, 2025 at India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi.

(d): The Executive Board of the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) has been duly constituted. The details are also available on the official NCPUL website: urducouncil.nic.in.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 501 ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026 ASKED BY SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE REGARDING FUNCTIONING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PROMOTION OF URDU LANGUAGE.

A. DETAILS OF ACADEMIC SCHEMES OF NCPUL:

S.No.	Name of Schemes
1	Establishment of Computer Applications, Business Accounting and Multilingual DTP (CABA-MDTP)
2	Two years Diploma in Calligraphy and Graphic Design Centres (CGDC)

B. Grant-in-aid schemes of NCPUL includes support to select activities for promotion of Urdu, bulk purchase of books, publication of manuscripts, Urdu press promotion etc.

C. Urdu-related programmes undertaken by NCPUL during last five years include book promotion, academic projects / collaboration, international / national conference / webinars / seminars / workshop / mushairas / cultural events, short term course on capacity building of Urdu working journalist, vocational course (Paper Machie), distance education (Urdu).