

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1942
ANSWERED ON 19.12.2022**

Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course

1942. **ADV. A.M. ARIFF:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that the Delhi University (DU) has excluded English from the list of languages for Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC) from the current academic year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that the above decision has resulted in students in DU forced to take either Hindi or Sanskrit in the absence of teachers for other Indian languages;
- (d) if so, whether the Government intends to instruct the DU to include English in the list of languages for AECC, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to re-open the language departments including Malayalam, which are defunct for several years and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

(a) to (e): University of Delhi is a statutory autonomous organisation established under an Act of Parliament and governed by the Delhi University Act, 1922 and the Statutes and the Ordinances made there-under. All administrative and academic decisions are taken by the University with the approval of its statutory bodies, such as Executive Council, Academic Council and Court. The University of Delhi is implementing National Education Policy 2020 from the academic year 2022-23 through the Undergraduate Curricular Framework 2022 (UGCF) for the UG programmes. As per the UGCF, Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC), previously known as Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course (AECC), is studied in first and second year of every UG programme. The AEC comprises Environmental Studies and 22 Indian Languages of the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. The knowledge of English language is imparted through Skill Enhancement Courses and Generic Elective Courses in different semesters. The 68 colleges have been grouped into clusters to offer increased number of choices of courses to the students. The Languages taught in the colleges depends upon the choices exercised by the students.
