GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 5067
ANSWERED ON - 03/04/2023

PROPAGATION OF REGIONAL LANGUAGES

5067. SHRIMATI HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for propagation of Regional Languages in the country;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal or taken any steps for propagation of Regional Language Gurmukhi;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has any plan for propagation of Gurmukhi; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a): The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 focuses on the promotion of all scheduled and non-scheduled Indian Languages. NEP, 2020 provides, wherever possible, for medium of instruction to be in the home language/mother tongue/local language upto at least class 5 and preferably upto class 8. The policy also provides for making available high quality text books in home language/mother tongue and encouraging teachers to use bilingual approach while teaching. Government of India has taken number of steps for the promotion of Regional Languages. National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) has been conducted in 13 languages. Joint Entrance Exam (JEE) which was conducted in 3 languages earlier is now conducted in 13 languages. Technical education is being imparted in certain All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) approved institutions in 8 regional languages. Course material including text books and teaching resource are available on Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing (DIKSHA) portal in 33 Indian languages.

(b) to (e): Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) works for the promotion of all Indian languages including Scheduled/Non-Scheduled languages, Classical Languages and Regional Languages. Gurmukhi is a script and not a language. It is used to write Punjabi language. CIIL works for the promotion of Punjabi language under its various schemes and projects.

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