

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UGC SCHEME FOR FUNDING SUPPORT TO STATE UNIVERSITIES

2837. SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has initiated a scheme called Funding Support to the State Universities for Study and Research in Indigenous and Endangered languages in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of State Universities in Andhra Pradesh funded under this scheme by the UGC;

(d) whether the UGC has initiated a scheme to establish Centres for Endangered Languages in Central Universities;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government has established Centres for Endangered Languages in the Central Universities of India, especially in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As per information received from the University Grants Commission (UGC), during XII plan period UGC had implemented the scheme for "Study and Research in Indigenous and Endangered languages of India" and provided financial assistance to eligible State Universities. Grants amounting to ₹ 10,35,77,149/- were released to seven State Universities under this scheme. An amount of ₹78.50 lakhs has been released to the Dravidian University of Andhra Pradesh under this scheme.

(d) to (g): The National Education Policy, 2020 focuses on promotion of all Indian Languages including endangered languages. The Government of India has initiated a Scheme known as "Scheme for Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages of India" (SPPEL). Under this Scheme, the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru works on protection, preservation and documentation of all the mother tongues/languages of India spoken by less than 10,000 people which are called endangered languages.

Further, the UGC approved 9 Central Universities (Tezpur University, Assam; Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh; Sikkim University, Sikkim; Indira Gandhi Central University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh; Central University of Jharkhand; Guru Ghasidas University, Chhatisgarh; Central University of Karnataka, Gulbarga; Central University of Kerala and Visva Bharati, Shanti Niketan, West Bengal) to establish Centres for Endangered Languages under the Scheme "Establishment of a Centre for Endangered Languages in Central Universities" in the financial year 2015-2016.
