

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No- 137
ANSWERED ON - 04/12/2023

Promotion of Hindi, Urdu and Other Languages

137. SHRI KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has taken steps to promote the Hindi Language during the last five years, if so, the details thereof;
- b) whether the Government has any plan to promote the Urdu Language in the country;
- c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- d) the details of the funds and grants acquired and allocated for the said promotion during the last five years, year-wise; and
- e) the details of the budget allocated and grants sought for the promotion of other languages during the last five years, year-wise and language-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The National Education Policy, 2020 focuses on promotion of all Indian languages including Hindi and Urdu. The Government of India is promoting Hindi Language through Central Hindi Directorate (CHD), Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT), Kendriya Hindi Sansthan (KHS). National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) is working for the promotion of Urdu Language.

(d) to (e): The allocation of funds is not made on language-specific basis. The total grant released to various institutes for the promotion of all Indian Languages during the last five years is as given below: -

(Rs. in crores)

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Budget Allocated	449.47	529.17	547.93	532.88	*358.01
Funds Released	457.91	496.01	439.43	*250.00	*264.14

*Excluding grants released to Central Sanskrit University which has been released through University Grants Commission.
