

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4261**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021

Fund for taking up Technical and Medical Education in Regional Language

4261. SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the 15th Finance Commission has recommended for identifying two colleges each in every State to fund for taking up technical and medical education in regional languages;
- (b) whether is it feasible to impart technical and medical education in regional language;
- (c) whether this will helps in bridging rural-urban divide;
- (d) whether the above recommendation is part of terms of reference given to the Commission; and
- (e) if so, the reasons behind such recommendation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (e): The Fifteenth Finance Commission, inter-alia, recommends development of professional courses in regional languages. This is in line with the National Education Policy 2020 which envisages imparting programmes in higher education, using mother tongue/local language as a medium of instruction, and/or offer programmes bilingually, in order to increase access and Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) and also to promote the strength, usage, and vibrancy of all Indian languages. Drawing upon the NEP 2020 the Ministry of Education has constituted a Task Force, for suggesting modalities for imparting technical education in regional languages, with the objective to nurture the talent among students who have pursued their education in local language for their smooth transition into technical education.
