

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 356  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2022

**Curriculum of Open Universities in Regional Languages**

\*356. SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plan to start education curriculum of Open Universities in regional languages including Marathi like those of Post Graduate Diploma in International Business Operations conducted by the Indira Gandhi National Open University; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**  
**MINISTER OF EDUCATION**  
**(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

Part (a) & (b) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*356 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2022 ASKED BY SHRI HEMANT TUKARAM GODSE, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING "CURRICULUM OF OPEN UNIVERSITIES IN REGIONAL LANGUAGES".**

(a) & (b) The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has envisioned use of mother tongue/local language as a medium of instruction and/or offer programmes bilingually, in order to increase access and GER and also to promote the strength, usage, and vibrancy of all Indian language. Also it has been envisaged to encourage Private HEIs to use Indian language as medium of instruction and/or offer bilingual programmes.

The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is offering Post Graduate Diploma in International Business Operation (PGDIBO) in two languages i.e. in Hindi and English. IGNOU has also signed agreement with Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU) for sharing and translation of its study materials in Marathi language.

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