

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3983**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2022**

**SCHEMES FOR YOUNG WRITERS AND POETS**

**3983. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has taken any steps for the promotion of literature in Indian languages including Gujarati;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) the schemes for young writers, poets in Indian languages; and
- d) the number of youths benefited therefrom, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF  
NORTH EASTERN REGION  
(G.KISHAN REDDY)**

a&b) Yes Madam. The Government of India has taken a number of steps for the promotion of literature in Indian languages including Gujarati.

Sahitya Akademi (an autonomous organization under M/o Culture) promotes literature and literary activities in 24 Indian languages. The Akademi publishes large volumes of material and confers a number of awards and grants. Every year, the Akademi holds at least 30 seminars, 200 literary gatherings, workshops and lectures, folklore, programmes for women writers, Gramalok in the rural areas. It has published over 7000 books in 24 languages.

For the promotion of Gujarati Literature, there is an Advisory Board of eminent writers and scholars in Gujarati to orient the Akademi on publications, translations and literary programmes. As per the directions of the Advisory Board members, Sahitya Akademi organizes literary programmes in Gujarati. The Akademi brings out significant publications of Indian languages and translates them into Gujarati language and vice-versa.

- c) In 2011, the Government of India had constituted Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar for 24 Indian languages. The Akademi also conducts Young Writers' Meet. It organises programmes titled *YuvaSahiti and Avishkar* to encourage young writers writing in different Indian languages. It also provides travel grant to young writers (age 40 or below) under which a writer is offered to take a travel to a State other than his/her own to get acquainted with literary ambience of another language. Besides this, Akademi constituted a publication scheme titled *Navodaya* which undertakes publication of the first literary work of art of the writer.
- d) The Akademi invites writers-scholars on the basis of their contribution to their respective languages instead of states they belong to. The language wise list of programmes organized during the last 3 years particularly for the young writers is attached as Annexure-I.

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**ANNEXURE-I**

<b>Title of the Programme Series</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>No. of Programmes</b>	<b>No. of Participants</b>
<b>Travel Grant</b>	Dogri	01	01
	Nepali	01	01
	Gujarati	01	01
	Konkani	01	01
	Marathi	01	01
<b>Books published under Navodaya Scheme</b>	Maithili	01	01
	English	04	04
	Nepali	01	01
	Assamese	01	01
	Odia	02	02
	Santali	01	01
	Punjabi	01	01
	Hindi	02	02
<b>YuvaSahitiProgramme</b>	Dogri	01	10
	Maithili	03	10
	Sanskrit	05	25
	Nepali	03	21
	Rajasthani	03	22
	Gujarati	02	25
	Konkani	01	06
	Marathi	03	38
	Sindhi	03	41
	Multilingual	01	07
	Punjabi	05	22
	Hindi	01	13
	Tamil	02	14
	Kannada	01	05
	Malayalam	03	14
	Telugu	01	05
	Assamese	04	19
	Bodo	02	11
	Bengali	02	09
	Manipuri	04	19
Odia	04	19	
Santali	02	10	
<b>MulakatProgramme</b>	Gujarati	01	07
	Assamese	08	39
	Bodo	04	20
	Bengali	05	27
	Manipuri	02	10
	Odia	04	22
<b>Sahitya</b>			71

<b>Akademi Yuva Puraskar</b>			
<b>Young Writers' Meet</b>	Rajasthani	01	11
	North Regional Board	02	14
<b>Multilingual Poets'/Writers' Meet</b>		04	36
<b>Yuva Lekhak Sammelan</b>	Hindi	02	14
	Kashmiri	01	09
<b>Nari Chetna</b>	Hindi	02	07
	Punjabi	01	05
<b>Literary Forum/Sahitya Munch</b>	Telugu	01	05
	Hindi & Punjabi	04	17
	Urdu	03	09
	<b>Total</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>706</b>