

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5188
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2022**

Promotion of Bengali Language

5188. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds spent on the promotion of Bengali language during the last five years;
- (b) the details of funds spent on the promotion of other Indian languages; and
- (c) the reasons for disparity, if any?

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 Bengali Language. NEP provides, wherever possible, for medium of instruction to be in the home language/mother tongue/local language/regional language upto at least class 5 and preferably upto class 8. The policy also provides for making available high quality text books in home language/ mother tongue and encouraging teachers to use bilingual approach while teaching. In addition to this, it provides for more Higher Educational Institutions (HEI) and more programmes in Higher Education to use the mother tongue/local language as a medium of instruction and/or offer programmes bilingually. Funds are not allocated language wise by the Ministry. Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru promotes all Indian Languages including Bengali language.

The details of grants allocated for promotion of Indian Languages during last five years is as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
432.28	450.13	449.47	561.47	474.28
