

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2535**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST, 2022/ SRAVANA 11, 1944 (SAKA)**

**PROPAGATION OF REGIONAL LANGUAGES**

**2535. SHRIMATI HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Government has any proposal for propagation of regional languages including Gurmukhi in the country; and**

**(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

**(a) & (b): As per information received from the Ministry of Education, Gurumukhi is not a language, rather a script for Punjabi language. National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 focuses on promotion of all Indian Languages including Scheduled/Non-Scheduled Languages and other languages. NEP, 2020 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. Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore works for the promotion of all Indian languages including Scheduled/Non-Scheduled and Classical languages. CIIL runs various schemes like National Translation Mission, Linguistic Data Consortium of Indian Languages, Scheme for Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages of India (SPPEL), Bharatavani, etc for development and promotion of all languages.**

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