

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF URDU LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in the centenary celebrations of Urdu Poet Mirza Ghalib, the Government has announced to establish more institutions for the development of Urdu language;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government are providing special assistance to Urdu speaking States for promotion of Urdu; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) & (b): No Sir.

(c) & (d): Sufficient institutional framework such as National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL), New Delhi, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore and Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, has already been created by the Central Government for the development of the Urdu language. Each of the above mentioned institutions has its own schemes for the development and promotion of Urdu. Mention may be made in particular of NCPUL's successful scheme of Diploma in Computer Applications and Multilingual DTP.

Besides, the State Governments have their own mechanism for this purpose. As a special measure, the Union Government implements a centrally sponsored scheme for the appointment of Urdu teachers under which financial assistance is available to State Governments.