

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:152
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2011
URDU TEACHERS IN SCHOOLS
Ajmal Shri Badruddin

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

- (a) whether the Union Government provides financial assistance to the State/Union Territories for appointment of Urdu teachers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received representations from certain States including Assam seeking relaxation in the criteria of '25% Urdu speaking population' for appointment of Urdu teachers in schools;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government had earlier assured to revise the guidelines in the next revision in view of the practical difficulties in meeting the '25% Urdu speaking population' criteria in States like Assam; and
- (f) if so, the steps being taken to address this issue expeditiously?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 152 ASKED BY SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL, HON'BLE MP TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.8.2011 REGARDING URDU TEACHERS IN SCHOOLS.

(a) Financial assistance is provided to the States/UTs for appointment of language teachers including Urdu teachers.

(b): The objective of the Scheme is to provide financial support to the States/UTs for teaching Urdu to students with a view to promote Urdu. 100% financial assistance is provided for appointment of Urdu Teachers on new posts and for giving honorarium to the existing Urdu teachers for teaching Urdu in schools. The present criteria of granting financial assistance is for any locality where 25% population is from Urdu speaking community.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. A representation has been received from All India Assam Madrassa Educated Youth Association, Assam, seeking relaxation in the criteria of '25% Urdu speaking population'.

(e) & (f): In reply to a reference in this regard, it was mentioned that the scheme for Financial assistance for Appointment of Language Teachers was revised during 2008-09 but the suggestion would be kept in mind when the next revision takes place.