

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

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

- (a) whether Urdu language has been introduced in Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti as recommended by Fatmi Committee;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Urdu language has been abolished in the educational institutions where it was introduced as a third language;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to promote the Urdu language in the country/Urdu speaking areas?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, Urdu Language was initially being taught in 25 JNVs. The teaching of Urdu Language in JNVs was reviewed on the basis of recommendations of Fatimi Committee and is now being taught in 47 JNVs.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) & (e) Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme provides for migration of 30% students of class IX from one JNV to another JNV in different linguistic Region. The migration of students takes place between a school in Hindi speaking district and a school in non-Hindi speaking district.

Teaching of Urdu as 3rd language has been discontinued in 07 JNVs due to their migration linkage to schools in non-Hindi speaking region. No report has been received that the Urdu language has been abolished in any of the schools affiliated to CBSE where it was introduced as a third language.

(f) Urdu language teachers and Urdu textbooks are being provided in the Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas where Urdu is being taught. Government has taken various steps as given below to promote teaching of Urdu in the Country:

(i) 100% financial assistance for appointment of Urdu teachers and grant of honorarium to the existing Urdu teachers for teaching Urdu in schools.

(ii) Financial assistance for select Urdu promotional activities like holding seminars, publication of manuscripts, bulk purchase of books, projects, work studies etc.

(iii) Diploma in Computer application, Business Accounting & multilingual DTP.

(iv) Diploma in Calligraphy & Graphic design.

(v) Diploma in Urdu language through Distance education.

(vi) Book promotion by holding participating book fair and exhibitions on wheels.

As far as promotion of Urdu in institutes of Higher learning is concerned Academies for Professional Development of Urdu medium teachers have been set up in three Central Universities viz. Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi and Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad. The Academy at JMI has trained 1562 teachers. MANUU has trained 2924 teachers. The AMU has conducted 12 Refresher courses/ workshops for Primary/ Secondary school teachers and trained 232 teachers for teaching modern subjects in Urdu medium. An amount of Rs.4.00 crore for each of these Universities has been sanctioned by UGC for establishment of Academies for Professional development of Urdu medium teachers during 11th Plan.