

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up a Department of Heritage Language in the central universities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be finalized?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) Central Universities are statutory autonomous bodies which decide on its own the courses and programme to be launched in the University at their end. However, following a meeting of the Round Table for Protection and Preservation of Indigenous Traditional Knowledge and Endangered Languages held on 19.1.2011, the University Grant Commission has advised the Central Universities to evolve a policy for setting up a Centre for Endangered Languages.