

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:377
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2012
TRADITIONAL LANGUAGES OF MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any action plan has been chalked out to protect, promote and preserve various traditional languages of minorities like Urdu, etc. for posterity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including schemes/projects launched for the purpose;
- (c) the funds allocated to the States for protection, preservation and propagation of such languages in the country during the Eleventh and Twelfth Five Year Plans;
- (d) the status of utilisation of such funds, during the Eleventh Plan period, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (e) the status of progress in promoting and protecting the traditional languages?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.377 FOR 2.5.2012
ASKED BY SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY REGARDING TRADITIONAL LANGUAGES OF MINORITIES

(a): As per Census 2001, 122 languages of which 22 are included in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution of India, are spoken by more than 10,000 persons each. No language including Urdu is categorised as language of minorities by Government of India. However, the Government implements several programmes/projects/schemes through the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, Central Institute of Indian Languages, University Grants Commission, Maulana Azad National Urdu University and other academic institutions for the development and propagation of Urdu, Arabic and Persian languages.

(b) to (e): In view of (a) above, the questions do not arise.