

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

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PROTECTION OF PERSIAN AND ARABIC LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his Ministry is financially assisting the State Governments for the protection of Persian and Arabic languages under the scheme of 'Dairatul Maarif';
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the time by which such assistance will be provided to all states including West Bengal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Human Resource Development is not directly assisting the State Governments for the protection of Persian and Arabic languages. However, the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL), an autonomous organisation of this Ministry, has been implementing the following schemes for the promotion of the Arabic and Persian languages through registered NGOs/Institutions/Societies:-

- i) Financial assistance for holding Seminars/Lecture series/Bulk purchase of books/publication of Manuscripts/short term studies and Academic Projects in Arabic and Persian languages.
- ii) Two year Diploma in functional Arabic through Study Centres.
- iii) One year Certificate Course in Arabic.

There is no scheme by the name of 'Dairatul Maarif'.

- (c) In view of (a) and (b) above, the question does not arise.