

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

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CHAIRS IN REGIONAL LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposed to establish chairs in more regional languages including Malayalam in the Central Universities especially in Jawaharlal Nehru University;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present status of the proposal for teaching Malayalam language in the University of Delhi;
- (d) whether the advertised posts for teaching faculty have been filled; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): As autonomous institutions, the Central Universities are empowered to take decisions on academic and administrative matters, including the introduction of new courses, the recruitment of faculties and the institution of Chairs. The Government has no direct role to play in such matters.
- (c): Delhi University has informed Ministry of Human Resource Development that it is offering Certificate/ Diploma/ Advanced Diploma Courses in Malayalam in their Department of Modern Indian Languages & Literary Studies.
- (d): No, Madam.
- (e): In view of (d) above, the question does not arise.