

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

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government during the last three years to promote Urdu language in various States;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up Centres of Excellence or Satellite Campus of established Central Universities in different States for easier accessibility of quality education in Urdu; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) The Government of India has established the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) for promoting the Urdu language. The schemes implemented by the NCPUL for the Promotion of Urdu language include: a one year Diploma in Computer Applications, Business Accounting and Multilingual Desk Top Publishing (CABA-MDTP); a one year Diploma in Urdu; a two year Diploma in Calligraphy and Graphic Design; promotion of Urdu literature through the bulk purchase of Urdu books, the publication of manuscripts, books, periodicals and small and medium Urdu newspapers and participation in book fairs and exhibitions held across the Country; Visit of exhibition vans and holding Seminars/Conferences/Workshops. The scheme-wise achievements under the NCPUL Schemes during the last three years are at Annexure.

The Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, a Central University, through its Undergraduate and Postgraduate programmes, caters to the educational needs of the Urdu speaking population. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has released `207.44 crores to the MANUU during the year 2010-11 to 2012-13. Besides, special grants of `4.00 crores each have also been allocated by the UGC to the Jamia Millia Islamia, the Aligarh Muslim University and the Maulana Azad National Urdu University during the XIth Plan for the establishment of Centres for the Professional Development of Urdu Medium Teachers.

(b) & (c) No Madam, at present there is no such proposal. However, the MANUU is offering M.A. and B.A. Urdu programmes from their Satellite Campus at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh since the academic session of 2009-2010.