

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

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PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF ENDANGERED LANGUAGES

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to set up centres in the Central Universities for preservation and promotion of endangered languages and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether several Central Universities have been given the mandate for research on endangered languages and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether separate budgetary allocations have been made/proposed to be made for the above purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other measures taken by the Government to preserve the endangered languages?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT.SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has developed Guidelines for providing assistance for establishment of Centre of Endangered Languages in Central Universities. Approval has been accorded to 9 Central Universities for Establishment of Centres for Endangered Languages.

(c) An allocation of Rs.50.00 crore has been made for establishment of the Centres of Endangered Languages in the 9 Central Universities by the UGC.

(d) The details of the grants approved for establishment of centres of Endangered Languages in the 9 Central Universities is as follows:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Name of University	Amount Approved
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1.	Tezpur University, Assam	600.00
2.	Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh	180.00
3.	Sikkim University, Sikkim	180.00
4.	Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Madhya Pradesh	530.00
5.	Central University of Jharkhand, Jharkhand	360.00
6.	Guru Ghasidas Viswavidyalaya, Chhattisgarh	360.00
7.	Central University of Karnataka, Karnataka	360.00
8.	Central University of Kerala, Kerala	360.00
9.	Visva Bharati, West Bengal	800.00
Grant Total		3730.00

(e) The Government of India has initiated a Scheme known as "Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages of India". Under this Scheme, the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore has already started working on protection, preservation and documentation all the mother tongues/languages of India spoken by less than 10,000 people.