

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROMOTION OF UNICODE FONT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to initialize a process to get a separate slot for Assamese script in the UNICODE consortium;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the efforts made/being made by the Government to promote UNICODE font of various State languages in the publishing sector;
- (d) whether the Government checks the accuracy in the representation of the Assamese script on the World Wide Web (WWW)/Internet; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): As per the information provided by the Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Assamese and Bengali languages are using the same script except two additional characters in Assamese. Technically Assamese writing system is, adequately represented in the Unicode Standard.
- (c): National e-Gov Plan has mandated use of Unicode encoding and ISO 14496 (Open Font Format) in e-Gov application software
- (d) & (e) : World Wide Web/internet uniformly uses Unicode encoding of all languages in ICT media.