

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5113
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PROTECTION OF LANGUAGES
Patil Shri Bheemrao Baswanthrao

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is assisting Government of Telangana for the protection of Persian and Arab languages under the scheme 'Dairatul Marif';
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the time by which such assistance is likely to be provided to the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (DR. NAJMA A. HEPTULLA)

(a) to (c): The subject matter of the Question pertains to National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL), comes under the administrative control of Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education). As per information received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development the Dairatul Maarif Osmania, Hyderabad is a State level oriental Arabic institution maintained by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The Central Government has provided grant-in-aid to the institution from the year 1983-84 to 1994-95 @ Rs.1.57 lakhs per annum under an arrangement through the then Bureau of Promotion of Urdu. In the year 1998 a decision was taken that the funding to the institution will be made on project basis through the National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL). After that no proposal was received from Dairatul Maarif for funding.