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Promotion of Devanagari by UGC

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

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has urged universities to set up centres with an aim to foster and promote Devanagari and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Universities and Colleges have also been told to submit a detailed proposal with regard to funds and manpower they would need to set up the said centres and if so, the response of the universities and colleges in this regard;
- (c) whether the universities have also been told to find out if there are any spoken languages in the areas where they are situated that do not have a written script and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government for the promotion of Devanagari?

Answer

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(a) to (c): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has intimated that it has invited proposals from Universities for establishment of Department of Devanagari Lipi in Universities with a view to preserve dialects which do not have a written script in Devanagari. Universities were also requested to submit details regarding requirement of manpower, technical facilities and required budget for the establishment of Department of Devanagari Lipi and details regarding supervision/research conducted by such Universities with regard to dialects in the localities where they are situated. So far, 50 Universities have submitted their proposal to the UGC.

(d): The Central Hindi Directorate is making efforts to materialize and modernize the diacritic marks in Devanagari script of all the languages inscribed in the 8th schedule of the Constitution of India. The Directorate has published a revised and modernized version of standardization of Devanagari script and modernization of Diacritic marks. Further, it has designed and published the modified version of diacritic marks in Devanagari script in a leaflet form.