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[English]

**Development of Computer in Urdu Language**

7700. SHRIG.M. BANATWALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme/project for developing computer in Urdu language and for promotion of computer science research in Urdu;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with details of work done under the said scheme/project; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to consider promotion of computer in Urdu and if not, the reasons in therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b). Department of Electronics has drawn up a programme namely Technology Development for Indian Languages (TDIL) for implementation during the VIII Plan. The programme will cover the development of requisite technology for information processing in Urdu language also.

The programme for Technology Devel-

opment for Indian Languages (TDIL) will include the technology development activities mainly in the following thrust areas:

- (1) Learning Systems
- (2) Machine Translation Systems &
- (3) Human Machine Interface Systems

(c) Does not arise

**Setting up of New Central Universities**

7701. SHRIRAMESHCHEENITHALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish any new Central university during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b). Legislation has been enacted to establish new Central Universities in Assam and Nagaland. There is no proposal under consideration for establishment of any new Central University.