

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1196
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2019**

Nepali Language

1196. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

- (a) the details of the number of Central Universities offering Masters and PhD level courses in Nepali language;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the Visva Bharati the only Central University in West Bengal, where majority Gorkhas live, does not have undergraduate and post-graduate course in Nepali language;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for the establishment of the Centre for Promotion of Nepali Language?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

- (a): Two Central Universities are offering courses in Nepali language. Banaras Hindu University offers M.A. & Ph.D. Courses and Sikkim University offers M.A., M.Phil. and Ph.D. level courses in Nepali Language.
- (b) & (c): Visva-Bharati does not have undergraduate and post-graduate courses in Nepali language. The course does not exist since the inception of the University as the university did not receive any proposal to start such courses.
- (d): Central Universities are autonomous institutions governed under the provisions of their Act, Statutes and Ordinances framed thereunder. The statutory bodies of the Central Universities are competent to start new courses in any language/subject.
