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**Promotion of Indian Languages**New Delhi, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2021

The policy of the Government of India is to promote all Indian Languages and several steps taken in this regard. There are separate organisations for development and promotion of Hindi, Urdu, Sindhi and Sanskrit languages. Sanskrit Language is promoted through three Central Universities viz, Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University, New Delhi and National Sanskrit University, Tirupati. Hindi is promoted by Kendriya Hindi Sansthan (KHS) Agra, Central Hindi Directorate (CHD), New Delhi and Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT), New Delhi. Sindhi is promoted through National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language (NCPSL),

New Delhi and Urdu is promoted through National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL), New Delhi. Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore works for the promotion of all Indian languages including Scheduled/Non-Scheduled and Classical languages namely Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam and Odia. Development and promotion of Classical Tamil is done by Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT), Chennai.

National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 provides, wherever possible, for medium of instruction to be in the home language/ mother tongue/ local language upto at least class 5 and preferably upto class 8. The policy also provides for making available high quality text books in home language/ mother tongue and encouraging teachers to use bilingual approach while teaching. In addition to this, it provides for more Higher Educational Institutions (HEI) and more programmes in Higher Education to use the mother tongue/local language as a medium of instruction and/or offer programmes bilingually. All India Council for Technical education (AICTE) has issued guidelines permitting technical education institutions to offer their courses in local languages also. So far 19 institutions from 10 states have started offering such courses. AICTE has developed a tool called AICTE Automation Artificial Intelligence Tool to translate English language online courses into 11 Indian languages. Translation of reference material for Engineering courses are made available in Regional languages on SWAYAM MOOCS portal. Course material including text books and teaching resources for Grades 1-12 are available on DIKSHA portal of the Government in 33 Indian languages and Indian Sign language. JEE and NEET exams are conducted in 13 Indian languages.

The information was given by the Minister of State for Education, Dr. Subhas Sarkar in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today.

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