

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2413
ANSWERED ON - 22/03/2023

PRESERVATION OF LOCAL LANGUAGES

2413. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that local languages of India are disappearing due to globalization and if so, the details thereof, language-wise;
- (b) whether Government plans to prepare an action plan on how the various Indian languages across the country can be developed in an integrated manner; and
- (c) the details of other corrective steps taken/being taken by Government to preserve local languages?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (c): The policy of Government of India is to promote all Indian languages including local languages. The disappearance of local languages is a global phenomenon, it is happening across the world and various factors may be attributed to it. Government of India has constituted a High Powered Committee to explore and recommend pathways for holistic and multidisciplinary growth of Indian Languages as envisaged in the National Education Policy, 2020. The Committee has been mandated to advise the Ministry on all matters pertaining to promotion of languages. Moreover, Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru is working towards the promotion of these languages in various aspects of their development through its schemes and projects like Scheme for Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages (SPPEL), Linguistic Data Consortium for Indian Languages (LDC-IL), Bharatvani Project, etc.
