

**PRIVATE MEMBERS RESOLUTION MOVED BY DR.  
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J&K LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

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"This House resolves that due status be given to Urdu language, which is official language of the State and be introduced as compulsory subject in all State run and private institutions up to 10<sup>th</sup> class and for all government/judiciary services examinations, which include- PSC, SSRB District Level Recruitment Exams, all levels of Judicial Services, Revenue, Police services and other departments."

**Reply to resolution**

i). The Government is taking all steps to encourage the use of Urdu language in the Government offices. Urdu is being extensively used in Revenue, Police Administration and Subordinate judiciary.

ii) Section 145 of the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir provides that Urdu shall be the official language but the English language shall continue to be used for all official purposes of the State unless the legislature by law otherwise provides. The Government has already issued instructions from time to time that names of Government Departments, semi-Government Departments, public places, roads, parks, streets, historical places should be indicated in Urdu language.

iii) The public Service Commission conducts various Departmental Examinations for the Departments like Revenue Service, Executive and Excise and Taxation, candidates can write their papers either in English or in Urdu. In KCS (Judicial) some portion of paper contain translations from English to Urdu or vice versa. In respect of the Combined Competitive Examination (KAS), there is one optional paper in Urdu. Beside it is mandatory for KAS and IAS probationers to pass Urdu paper in the Departmental Examinations prescribed for them.

IV) The Services Selection Board makes selections of eligible candidates against the Non-Gazetted Cadre posts as per the qualification prescribed in the Recruitment

Rules of the intending departments and the requisitions made thereof. However, in such cases, where knowledge of Urdu is compulsory as a part of the prescribed qualification like that of Patwari, a written test in 'Urdu' is conducted and the candidates are required to qualify the written test with 33% marks. The candidates who do not qualify the Urdu test and obtain less than 33% marks are declared unsuccessful and are not considered for final merit list/selection.

V) In education sector, Urdu is taught as one of the optional subjects from KG to class 10<sup>th</sup> level. At 10+ 2 Urdu is an elective subject which a student can opt for combination of subjects.

Besides the department is also taking steps to safeguard Urdu language through publication of monthly magazine in Urdu (Sheeraza), publication of books, grant of financial assistance to writers for publication of books in Urdu, Organizing seminars, workshops, mushairs, stage shows, Grant of financial assistance to NGO's working for promotion of Urdu language, Grant of financial assistance to those Urdu writers who are in indigent circumstances, staging theatre shows and plays in Urdu, Grant of best book awards in Urdu with cash prize of Rs. 51,000/-, Grant of translation awards in Urdu with cash prize of Rs. 25,000/-, Best play Script Award in Urdu, Running of 3 years course in Urdu Calligraphy, Holding of writers Camps which include Urdu writers. Displaying Urdu Newspapers, Magazines/Journals and Urdu Books in all the public Libraries of Jammu and Kashmir for reading purpose of general public as a whole is also in place.

Sd/-  
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