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**Urdu language is the daughter of India and its presence should be felt in the entire world and there won't be dearth of fund for National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language: Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhariyal Nishank, in review meeting with NCPUL Vice Chairman and Director**

New Delhi: Urdu is the daughter of India. It got birth here and it was raised here. We want its fragrance reach the entire world. What we can do for this purpose we will do through the ministry. The needed-fund will be made available for the language. All these were said by the Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhariyal Nishank in a meeting with NCPUL Vice Chairman Professor Shahid Akhtar and Director Dr. Sheikh Aqeel Ahmad and Executive Board Member, Mazahir Khan. He was informed about all the NCPUL schemes. Expressing his satisfaction over the Council's activities he said that you people are doing better for the promotion of Urdu language but added there is need of new schemes. He instructed the Under Secretary and the Deputy Secretary to send new schemes proposals to the council so that the language gets its progress on the track. The minister admired the Urdu computer course CABA-MDTP scheme and said that he was pleased to know that the passed out students of the course have been placed on higher post. He said he will invite them to the ministry and encourage and honor them. For transparency in the centers he said that the council director and the vice chairman should visit the computer centres unannounced. He added even he could visit of any centre without prior information. When Council director Dr. Sheikh Aqeel Ahmad informed him that NCPUL has plan to translate Dara Shikoh's Persian books into Urdu, the minister expressed his happiness calling it a good initiative. He said Dara Shikoh has written a lot on Indian culture and civilization in Persian which needs to be translated into Urdu and other languages. Translation of books on India's ancient civilizations and philosophy and make them available to every home is also our responsibility. Availability of such books is also needed in madrasas so

that the madrasa students get familiar with the Indian culture and the philosophy and also get similar job opportunities.

HRD Minister expressed his satisfaction when he heard that NCPUL had got 146 crore rupees as fund in the last five years of the tenure of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh whereas in the five-year tenure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi the budget got swollen to 376 crore rupees. He said that this will continue and there won't be any dearth of budget for the council.

The review meeting was also attended by the MHRD Secretary, Deputy and Under Secretary of the Languages and their Personal Secretaries. NCPUL Assistant Director (Admin) Mr. Kamal Singh and Junior Accounts Officer Mohammad Ahmad were also present in the meeting.

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