

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 23  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2023**

**CLASSICAL LANGUAGE STATUS**

**23. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR**

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) the date of demand for Classical language status to Marathi language;
- (b) the status of this demand;
- (c) the reasons for not granting Classical language status to Marathi; and
- (d) the number of other languages that are in queue for Classical language status, the details thereof along with the years of demand?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH  
EASTERN REGION**

**(G. KISHAN REDDY)**

- (a) to (d) The Government of Maharashtra sent a proposal to grant the classical language status to Marathi on 12.07.2013. The matter, along with the criteria to accord classical language, is under consideration of the Ministry. The proposals are being received from several languages like Pali/Prakrit, Bangla, Assamese, Manipuri, Sindhi and Maithili for considering classical status. They are under examination as per the defined eligibility criteria.

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