

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2421
ANSWERED ON - 22/03/2023

PROMOTION OF TAMIL AS A CLASSICAL LANGUAGE

2421. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps taken by Government to promote the Tamil language as a classical language during the last three years;
- (b) the details of the funds and grants acquired and allocated for the said promotion during the last five years, year-wise; and
- (c) the details of the budget allocated and grants sought for the promotion of other languages during the last five years, year-wise and language-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Government of India has established a separate institute namely Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT), Chennai which works for development and promotion of Classical Tamil. For promotion of Classical Tamil, the CICT conducts seminars, workshops, short term projects and translation of Tirukkural into Scheduled Languages and other languages. CICT has 42 publications in book format and 8 publications in multimedia and non book format. Following grants have been released during last five years for promotion of Classical Tamil to CICT, Chennai.

(Rs. in crores)	
Year	Grant Released
2017-18	10.68
2018-19	4.65
2019-20	9.81
2020-21	11.73
2021-22	11.86

(c): The policy of the Government of India is to promote all Indian Languages including Classical Tamil and several steps have been taken in this regard. Grants are released for promotion of all Indian languages. Details of grants allocated in the last five years are given below:

(Rs. in crores)				
2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
450.13	449.47	529.17	547.93	532.88
