

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. *160
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2023

CLASSICAL LANGUAGE STATUS

*160: DR. JOHN BRITTAS

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian languages which have been conferred with the Classical Language status;
- (b) the details thereof;
- (c) the details of financial assistance provided for the promotion of each Classical Language during last three years;
- (d) year-wise and language-wise details thereof; and
- (e) the number and status of proposals currently pending with Government in respect of each of the Classical Languages?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM, AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA
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(a)to(e): Six Indian languages namely Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Odia have been accorded the status of Classical Language.

The policy of the Government is to promote all Indian languages including classical languages. The National Education Policy, 2020 focuses on promotion of all Indian Languages.

Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), under the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education works for the promotion of all Indian languages including four classical languages viz. Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam and Odia.

Development and promotion of Classical Tamil is done by Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT). The Government of India is promoting Sanskrit Language through three Central Universities. Funds are provided to these universities for teaching and research in Sanskrit Language leading to award of degree, diploma, certificate to students and no separate funds are provided for undertaking any work related to classical aspects of Sanskrit. The details of funds provided for various classical languages are given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Language	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Kannada	108.00	106.50	171.75
Telugu	147.00	103.15	171.75
Malayalam	8.00	63.97	186.75
Tamil	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00
Odia	8.00	58.38	176.75

No proposal as such has been pending with the Government in respect of any of the Classical Languages.
