

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1722
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2023

PROMOTION OF CLASSICAL LANGUAGE MALAYALAM

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Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken for the promotion of Malayalam after awarding it the status of Classical Language;
- (b) the year-wise allocation of fund by the Union government for Malayalam and other Classical Languages, language-wise details of funding for the last five years; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan to set up Departments of Malayalam in Central Institutes or Universities?

ANSWER

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

(G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) to (c) Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru, under the Ministry of Education has set up a Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Malayalam (CESCM) at Thunchathezuthachan Malayalam University, Tirur, Kerala. The main objective of the center is to work on various schemes and activities to promote, propagate and preserve the language inside and outside its speech territories among many other academic activities including digitization, procure manuscripts, documentations, etc. of Classical Malayalam language.

As CIIL Mysuru works for the promotion of all Indian languages including Scheduled/Non-Scheduled and Classical languages, grants for the institute are

not released language wise. However, the details of funds provided for promotion and preservation of various classical languages are given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Language	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Kannada	107.00	108.00	106.50	171.75	154.50
Telugu	107.00	147.00	103.15	171.75	154.50
Malayalam	Nil	8.00	63.97	186.75	112.50
Tamil	770.00	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00	1420.00
Odia	Nil	8.00	58.38	176.75	138.50

The Government of India promotes 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.
