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**DISPARITY IN FUND ALLOCATIONS FOR KANNADA AS A CLASSICAL
LANGUAGE**

208 Dr. Syed Naseer Hussain:

Will the Minister of *Education* be pleased to state:

- (a) the total funds allocated to Kannada compared to Tamil and Sanskrit under the classical language promotion scheme in the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the reasons for the large disparity in fund allocations for the promotion of Kannada as compared to Tamil and Sanskrit; and
- (c) the specific measures the Ministry is taking or is planning to promote Kannada as a classical language?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (c): The policy of the Government is to promote all Indian languages including Kannada, a classical language. The National Education Policy, 2020 mandates promotion of multilingualism and making efforts to keep Indian languages vibrant. NEP provides, wherever possible, for medium of instruction to be in the home language/ mother tongue/ local language/ regional language upto at least class 5 and preferably upto class 8. Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) works for the promotion of all Indian languages including Kannada, a classical language. 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 aspect of Sanskrit.

Government of India has established Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada under CIIL. This centre promote, propagate and preserve the classical Kannada language. The centre has organized training programme for the high school teachers for promoting Classical Kannada language. Various activities of this centre includes, organising workshops, training programmes, seminars and creation of learning/teaching materials in classical Kannada language. Grants are released to CIIL, as per the requirement and utilisation. The following fund allocated to classical Kannada language by CIIL.

(in crore)

Year	Fund allocated
2021-22	1.065
2022-23	1.717
2023-24	1.545
