

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.738**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2018

**PROMOTION OF INDIAN LANGUAGES**

738. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken by the Ministry for the promotion of Indian languages in foreign countries;
- (b) the steps taken for promotion of Tamil language in foreign countries like Sri Lanka, Singapore, Malaysia, Mauritius, Reunion Island etc.; and
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to promote and aid teaching of Indian languages in foreign countries and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

- (a) ICCR promotes teaching of Indian languages in foreign countries by supporting Chairs of Indian studies which are established on the basis of recommendation of Indian Missions abroad
- (b) The Council has established a long-term Chair of Tamil language at the Warsaw University, Warsaw, Poland in 2017. Also, books on teaching Tamil have been sent to Kenya.
- (c) Ministry of External Affairs is in the process of setting up 'India Corner' in the libraries of select educational institutes abroad. The 'India Corner' will stock books promoting various aspects of India in 22 officially recognised languages of India, including Hindi as well as English. The selection of books and their language is being done, in consultation with our Missions abroad, reflecting the requirement and interest in that country.

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