

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1349  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019**

**STATUS OF CLASSICAL LANGUAGE**

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Indian languages which have been accorded the classical language status;
- (b) whether the Government has implemented any schemes to provide financial assistance to various projects of classical language;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the funds provided for each classical language during each of the last three years, language-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has received any proposal regarding the classical language projects during the last three years; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE**

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**ANSWER**

- (a) So far, six languages i.e. Tamil, Sanskrit, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Odia have been accorded the status of 'Classical Language'.
- (b)to(f) For Sanskrit Language, various Universities/ autonomous organizations i.e. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi, Maharishi Sandipani Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan, Ujjain, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati and Sri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi, are extending the assistance.

For Classical Telugu and Classical Kannada, the Ministry of Human Resource and Development has established Centres of Excellence for Studies in respective language in Central Institute of Indian Languages, (CIIL), Mysore during 2011.

In respect of Classical Tamil Language, an autonomous organization, Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT), Chennai has been established at Chennai.

University Grant Commission under the purview of Ministry of Human Resource and Development, has a scheme of Major Research Projects meant for University/ College Teachers through which research projects are awarded for promotion of Classical Languages. The scheme is helping in improving the quality of research in Classical Languages.

Details of the fund released to Classical Languages during the last three years, language wise, by University Grant Commission, Ministry of Human Resource and Development, is as given below-

(In Rupees)

<b>No.</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19(upto 04.02.2019)</b>
1	Sanskrit	1363416	1317076	79595
2	Kannada	283700	1101280	0
3	Telugu	901395	2100971	555300
4	Tamil	1978205	2949184	1327564
5	Malayalam	1094300	1743636	7600
6	Odia	53813	355630	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5674829</b>	<b>9567777</b>	<b>1970059</b>

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