

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1902**  
ANSWERED ON - 13/03/2023

**FUNDS SPENT ON PROMOTION OF LANGUAGES**

1902. SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the various steps taken by the Government for development and promotion of Tamil language during the last five years;

(b) the amount of funds allocated for the Government's programmes for the promotion of various languages, itemised/language/year-wise and the funds allocated for each during the last five years;

(c) the total amount of funds spent for the promotion of Hindi, Tamil and Sanskrit languages during the last eight years itemised/year-wise; and

(d) the various programmes currently underway for the study, research and promotion of Tamil as a classical language and the funds allocated, itemised/project-wise?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (c): The National Education Policy, 2020 focuses on promotion of all Indian languages including Tamil. NEP 2020 provides, wherever possible, for medium of instruction to be in the home language/mother tongue/local language up to at least class 5 and preferably class 8. The policy also provides for making available quality text books in home language/mother tongue and encouraging teachers to use bilingual approach while teaching. Promotion of various languages is done by CIIL through its schemes and projects and by developing pedagogical literature. CIIL offers a ten-month diploma programme in Tamil. It also

translates books into Tamil, develops language resources for the language technology and testing materials for Tamil. Digitization of knowledge text of Tamil is also done to make it available for the general public.

A consolidated amount is provided to the CIIL as Grants. Allocation is not released language-wise. Apart from this, grants are also allocated to certain languages institutions under the Grants for Promotion of Indian Languages (GPIL) for promotion of Sanskrit, Hindi and other languages under various schemes. The details of grants allocated and released to CIIL and other language institutions for the last eight years is given below:

(Rs. in crores)

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Allocated Budget	376.68	417.18	432.28	450.13	449.47	529.17	547.93	532.88
Released	287.90	372.39	359.52	426.52	457.91	496.01	439.43	452.14

(d): Government of India has established a separate institute namely Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT) at Chennai which works for the development and promotion of Classical Tamil. CICT conducts seminars, workshops, short term projects and translation of Tirukkural into Scheduled Languages and other languages for the promotion and development of Classical Tamil. CICT has so far published 55 publications in book format and 8 in multimedia and non-book format. The details of grants released to CICT for promotion of Classical Tamil during the last five years is given below:

(figure in lakhs)

2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
465.25	980.78	1173.00	1186.15	1200.00

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