

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3758**  
ANSWERED ON- 11/08/2023

**LANGUAGES ON ICCR LIST**

3758. SHRI KOTHA PRABHAKAR REDDY

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

(a) whether despite the focus of the Government on learning European languages through a number of universities and institutes which offer courses in these languages, only handful of them teach any of the 10 languages on the ICCR list and if so, the details thereof along with present status thereon;

(b) whether the Government want to share its cultural history to enable India to translate its epics and classics and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of Universities and institutes as well as experts offering foreign language courses in the country along with the modalities/present status of the project?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SMT. MEENAKSHI LEKHI)

(a & c) As per Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, there are 471 Universities and 4870 Colleges in India which offer courses on European Languages.

(b) Yes, the government does share India's cultural history with the world. The ICCR has been sharing India's rich cultural history including the epics and classics with the world through its activities, including those of its cultural centers and India's Missions abroad. The ICCR has also supported the translation of Indian epics and classics whenever such requests were received from the Mission, e.g., the ICCR has recently purchased copies of Mahabharata translated in Spanish for the use in Spanish speaking countries.

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