

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1369  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2019**

**Thirukkual**

**1369. DR. T.R.PAARIVENDHAR:**

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Tamil Nadu State Government or any organisation/NGO/individuals to declare and notify 'Thirukkual' as National book which is classical Tamil language text consisting of 1,330 couplets widely admired by scholars and influential leaders over its history also known for its universality and secular nature written by the saint poet Thiruvallur;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Union Government on the request and to declare it as national book/library at the earliest?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (c) : A request to give status of National Book of India to 'Thirukkual' has been received from Shri R.B. Sreekumar, IPS (retd) former DGP Gujarat. Presently, there is no concept of giving National Book status to any book.

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