

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2208
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2.12.2019

CICT

2208. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

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

- (a) whether the Tamil language has separate Central Institute of Classical Tamil;
- (b) if so, what are the reasons that other Classical languages of Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada does not have Central classical institute for each of their respective States;
- (c) the efforts the Government is taking to set up separate classical institute for above three classical languages;
- (d) the details of the allocations made, sanctioned, released and spent on Classical Telugu language since 2015-16; and
- (e) the reasons for not spending even 25 per cent of money allocated to Classical Telugu since 2015-16?

ANSWER

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

(a) : Yes Sir. Central Institute of Classical Tamil was established at Chennai which works for the development and promotion of Classical Tamil.

(b) & (c) : Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical languages are functioning from their respective States. Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK) is functioning from Mysore since 2015. Similarly, the Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Telugu initially started functioning in CIIL, Mysore from 2018 and has now been shifted to Nellore, Andhra Pradesh from November, 2019. It has been decided to set up a Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Malayalam in Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Tirur, Kerala.

(d) & (e) : The details of funds provided for Classical Telugu through CIIL are given below:-

(Rupees in lakh)

Year	Funds allocated/ Sanctioned/ released	Funds utilised
2015-16	100.00	19
2016-17	100.00	4.7
2017-18	100.00	0
2018-19	99.00	29
2019-20	107.00	34.75

The Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Telugu started functioning from CIIL, Mysore from March 2018. Thereafter, the post of Project Director was filled up in November, 2018. In the financial year 2018-19, there is an expenditure of Rs. 29.19 % of the total funds allocated and for 2019-20 expenditure so far has been 32.48 %.
