

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1192
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2020**

STATUS OF CLASSICAL LANGUAGE TO MARATHI

†1192. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

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

- (a) whether the proposal of Maharashtra Government for granting status of classical language to Marathi was referred to the Language Expert Committee for consideration;
- (b) if so, the date on which the Government received the said proposal of the Maharashtra Government and the date on which the said proposal was referred to the Language Expert Committee for consideration;
- (c) whether the Government has received the report of the said Committee;
- (d) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the said Committee and the date on which the Government received the said report;
- (e) whether the Government has taken any action on the recommendations made by the Committee; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & (b) : Yes Sir, a proposal was received in the Ministry of Culture on 19.11.2013 and forwarded to Linguistic Experts Committee for its consideration on 14.03.2014.

(c) to (f) : The Linguistic Expert Committee has submitted its report on 06.02.2015, however, in the light of several Writ Petitions filed by Shri R. Gandhi in the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Madras on the subject, it was decided to wait for the outcome of the Writ Petitions. The Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Madras has disposed off the Writ Petitions vide common order dated 8.8.2016 declining to interfere in the matter. The proposal is again under active consideration of the Government. The Government is in process of reviewing of criteria for classification of language as classical language for which consultations are going on.
