

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 171
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2020**

STATUS OF CLASSICAL LANGUAGE

171. SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

SHRI HEMANT SRIRAM PATIL:

DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK NIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Indian languages which have been accorded the classical language status;
- (b) whether the Government has implemented any schemes to provide financial assistance to various projects of classical language and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the funds provided for each classical language during each of the last three years, language-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal regarding the classical language projects during the last three years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereon?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM
(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

- (a) There are six Indian languages namely; Tamil, Sanskrit, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Odia which have been accorded Classical Language status.
- (b)&(c) For Sanskrit language, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS), New Delhi under Human Resource Development (HRD) Ministry, has been established as the nodal authority for promoting the language.

For Classical Telugu and Classical Kannada, HRD Ministry has established Centres of Excellence for Studies in respective languages in Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore during 2011.

In respect of Classical Tamil Language, an autonomous organization namely, Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT), Chennai has been established at Chennai by HRD Ministry.

In addition, University Grants Commission has approved a Centre for Classical Languages in Telugu in University of Hyderabad and a Centre for Classical Languages in Kannada in Central University of Karnataka.

Details of grants released/allocated by the Ministry of Human Resource Development to RSKS, CICT and CIIL which are working for the promotion of classical Languages, is as under :-

(In lakh)					
No.	Institute	Language	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
1.	Rashtirya Sanskrit Sansthan	Sanskrit	19831.06	21437.99	23115
2.	Central Institute of Classical Tamil	Tamil	1059	465	770
3.	Central Institute of Indian Languages	Telugu	100	99	107
		Kannada	100	99	107

(d)&(e) HRD Ministry is considering setting up of establishment of Centres of Excellence for Classical Odia and Classical Malayalam.
