

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3612
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2020**

Translation of Basaveshwara's Vachanas in All Indian Languages

3612. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware about Basaveshwara, who led an historical social revolution during 12th Century in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also aware that the Hon'ble Prime Minister released the holy Vachanas of Basaveshwara translated into 23 Indian languages in the year 2017;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has taken note that it is worth to spread the Basava Philosophy in the form of an Encyclopedia to spread awareness in all the States of the country;
- (e) whether the Government has taken any initiative in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

a) to f): Yes, Sir, Government is aware about Basaveshwara, who led an historical social revolution during 12th century in Karanataka. Sahitya Akademi, an autonomous organization working under Ministry of Culture, has published a monograph, under its Makers of Indian Literature series, on Basaveshwara, one of the greatest revolutionary saints of India, spiritual leader, great poet in Kannada, and ardent social reformer who hailed as the prophet of new era in Karnataka, written in English by H. Tipperudraswamy, which currently runs into its third reprint, and has been available in translation in Hindi, Gujrati, Marathi, Malayalam, Maithili, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu. Besides, Sahitya Akademi had published Sri Basavannanavara Vachana Sangraha in Kannada, compiled by S.S. Malawad, and also Vachana Sopanam (Transalction of Kannada Vachanas into Malayalam), Vetta Veli Varthaigal (Transalation of Kannada Vachanas into Tamil), Vachanalu (Translation of Kannada Vachanas into Telugu), Veera Shaiva Vachanamruth (in Marathi and Kannada).

Hon'ble Prime Minister on 29.04.2017 has dedicated the holy vachanas of Basavanna, translated into 23 languages, and addressed an event to mark the inauguration of Basava Jayanthi 2017, and Golden Jubilee Celebration of Basava Samithi, at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
