

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1107**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2021**

**Amount allocated for development of Classical Languages**

**1107. SHRI A.K.P.CHINRAJ:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount allocated for the development of classical languages and Sanskrit language after 2014;
- (b) the details of amount disbursed, language-wise;
- (c) whether the amount is equally allocated to each language; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for unequal distribution?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

**(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (d) : The policy of the Government is to promote all Indian Languages including Classical Languages. Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) works for the promotion of all Indian languages including four classical languages namely Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam and Odia. Development and promotion of Classical Tamil is done by Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT). Sanskrit is promoted by Central Sanskrit University , New Delhi.

The details of funds provided for various classical languages is given below:

(in crore)

| No | Classical language | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 |
|----|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. | Kannada            | 1.09    | 1.00    | 1.00    | 1.00    | 0.99    | 1.07    |
| 2. | Telugu             | 1.09    | 1.00    | 1.00    | 1.00    | 0.99    | 1.07    |
| 3. | Tamil              | 8.00    | 11.99   | 5.00    | 10.59   | 4.65    | 9.80    |

Funds are provided to Central Sanskrit University for their normal functioning which includes for promotion of Sanskrit language. Classical Malayalam and Classical Odia centres are recently established. Grants are released to language institutions as per their requirement and on need basis.

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