

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2122
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2021**

Promotion of Maithili Language

† 2122. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Maithili language has a history of more than 1500 years and it fulfills the criteria of having the status of classical language;
- (b) whether the Government releases the funds for promotion of classical languages; and
- (c) if so, the institute-wise details of the funds released for promotion of Maithili language during the last five years?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) : Recognising the status of any language as Classical Language falls under the domain of Ministry of Culture. Ministry of Culture has informed that Sahitya Akademi is mandated to review the criteria to classify a language as "Classical Language" and also to indicate how many other languages are likely to become eligible to be classified as "Classical Language" under the reviewed guidelines.

(b) : Yes Sir. Funds are released to Classical Languages

(c) : Funds are released for promotion of Maithili language through Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore under Grant in Aid programme and an amount of Rs.21,84,706/- has been released during last five years.
