

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4287
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021

Funds allocated to the Classical Language Centre in Tamil Nadu

4287. MS.S.JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds spent on the promotion of Hindi, Sanskrit and other regional languages ;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated to the Classical Language Centre in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether the Government plans to merge Classical Language Centre in Tamil Nadu with any other centre;
- (d) if so, the reasons thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is planning activities to promote classical language Tamil; and
- (f) if so the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a): The policy of the Government is to promote all Indian Languages including regional languages and classical languages. Government releases funds to Language Institutions for promotion and protection of Indian Languages and funds are not released language wise. Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) works for the promotion of all 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), Chennai. Sanskrit is promoted by Central Sanskrit University,

New Delhi. Hindi is promoted by Kendriya Hindi Sansthan (KHS) Agra, Central Hindi Directorate (CHD), New Delhi and Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT), New Delhi.

(b): An amount of Rs.11.73 crores allocated to CICT, Chennai during 2020-21.

(c) & (d): No Sir. No such proposal to merge CICT with any other centre, at present.

(e) & (f): The CICT established with the view of promoting the cause of Classical Tamil, is focussing exclusively on the research relating to the classical phase of the Tamil language, i.e. from the early period to AD 600. The role of the Institute is very vital and significant since it carries out research on ancient Tamil society and also documents and preserves objects relating to or reflecting the antiquity of the Tamils. Short term projects, seminars, training programmes, publications are financially supported by CICT for promoting Classical Tamil.
