

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO. *283
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

CRITERIA FOR CLASSICAL LANGUAGE

***283. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:**

SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

Will the Minister of CULTURE

be pleased to refer to the reply given on 10.02.2020 to Unstarred Question No. 1192 regarding 'Status of Classical Language to Marathi' and state:

- (a) whether the Government has completed consultations and the work of reviewing the criteria related to classification as a classical language for granting status of classical language to Marathi;
- (b) if so, the details along with the current status in this regard;
- (c) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has again requested the Union Government to grant the status of classical language to Marathi;
- (d) whether Marathi language has been granted the status of a classical language; and
- (e) if not, the present position in this regard?

**MINISTER FOR CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF
NORTH EASTERN REGION**

(SHRI G.KISHAN REDDY)

ANSWER

- (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF
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- (a) & (b) No Sir. The task of reviewing the criteria for classification of a language as a classical language is still under process.
- (c) Yes Sir. The State Government of Maharashtra has requested the Union Government to grant the status of classical language to Marathi.
- (d) & (e) No Sir. The matter of granting classical status to Marathi language is under consideration of the Government.
