

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1563**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 07th DECEMBER, 2021/AGRAHAYANA 16,1943 (SAKA)
INCORPORATION OF TAMIL AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

1563. DR. T.R.PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recently concluded Southern Council Meeting in Tirupati, the Government of Tamil Nadu has raised the issue of declaring Tamil as one of the official languages of India as has been done in Sri Lanka and Singapore and Thirukural as a national book; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and response of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) & (b): The Government of Tamilnadu has made a request to declare Tamil as one of the official languages of India and Thirukkural as a national book in the 29th Meeting of the Southern Zonal Council which was held at Tirupati on 14th November 2021. However, no discussion on this issue took place during the meeting.
