

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2826
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2022**

Funds Spent on Kannada Classical Language

2826. SHRI D.K.SURESH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the Government is not providing adequate funds to Kannada despite it is accorded the status of classical language;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the total funds released and spent on Kannada classical language till date;
- (d) whether the Government has received any suggestion/complaint in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the response of the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) to (e) : No Sir. The focus of the Government of India is to promote all Indian Languages including Classical Kannada language. The National Education Policy, 2020 focuses on promotion of all Indian Languages including six classical Languages. The Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada that was earlier functioning from Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru has been shifted from the Institute to Mysuru University as per the demands from stakeholders. Government of India releases funds to CIIL for promotion of Classical Kannada and some other Classical Languages. CIIL in turn releases funds to respective centres as per the requirement and utilisation. An amount of Rs.13.30 crore has been allotted to CIIL for the purpose of implementation of Classical Kannada Language and expenditure incurred is Rs.5.71 crore, so far.

Various suggestions received from time to time with regard to promotion of Classical Kannada have been noted. Government of India has constituted a High Powered Committee to explore and recommend pathways for the holistic and multidisciplinary growth of Indian Languages as envisaged in the National Education Policy, 2020. The Committee will also advise the Ministry on all matters pertaining to promotion of classical languages.
