

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2359
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022**

Promotion of Kannada as Classical Language

2359. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to promote Kannada as a classical language during the last five years;
- (b) the various budgets allocated, expenditures incurred and grants sought for the promotion of Kannada during the last five years, year-wise; and
- (c) the budgets allocated, expenditures incurred and grants sought for the promotion of other languages during the last five years, year-wise and language-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The National Education Policy, 2020 focuses on promotion of all Indian Languages including Kannada language. NEP, 2020 provides, wherever possible, for medium of instruction to be in the home language/mother tongue/local language upto at least class 5 and preferably upto class 8. The policy also provides for making available high quality text books in home language/mother tongue and encouraging teachers to use bilingual approach while teaching. Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada has been established by Government of India under Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru for promotion of Classical Kannada Language.

The allocated/released budget for the promotion of Classical Kannada language through CIIL for last five years are as under:-

(in rupees)

Year	Allocated Budget	Released
2017-18	10000000	5546955
2018-19	9900000	8373586
2019-20	10700000	9201505
2020-21	10800000	8197405
2021-22	10650000	9916889

CIIL, Mysuru works for the promotion of all Indian languages including Scheduled/Non-Scheduled and Classical languages. Grants for this are not released to CIIL language wise. In addition to the above, Grants for Promotion of Indian Languages (GPIL) are allocated for promotion of Sindhi, Urdu, Sanskrit, Hindi and other Scheduled/Non-Scheduled languages under various schemes. The details of grants allocated for last five years for the Promotion of Indian Languages is as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
450.13	449.47	529.17	547.93	532.88
