

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3489  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2022**

**Financial Assistance to Projects of Classical Languages**

**3489. DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Indian languages which have been accorded the classical language status so far;
- (b) whether the Government has implemented any schemes to provide financial assistance to various projects of classical languages in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the funds provided for each classical language during each of the last three years and the current year, language-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has received any proposal regarding the classical language projects during the last two years; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

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

(a) to (d): Six Indian languages namely Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Odia have been accorded the status of Classical Language. The policy of the Government is to promote all Indian languages including classical languages. Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) works for the promotion of all Indian languages including four classical languages viz. Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam and Odia. Development and promotion of Classical Tamil is done by Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT). The Government of India is promoting Sanskrit Language through three Central Universities. Funds are provided to these universities for teaching and research in Sanskrit Language leading to

award of degree, diploma, certificate to students and no separate funds are provided for undertaking any work related to classical aspect of Sanskrit.

The details of funds provided for various classical languages is given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Language	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
	BE	Exp	BE	Exp	BE	Exp
<b>Kannada</b>	107.00	92.01	108.00	81.97	106.50	99.17
<b>Telugu</b>	107.00	75.12	147.00	110.16	103.15	90.52
<b>Malayalam</b>	Nil	Nil	8.00	7.44	63.97	10.76
<b>Tamil</b>	770.00	980.78	1200.00	1173.00	1200.00	1186.15
<b>Odia</b>	Nil	Nil	8.00	6.40	58.38	35.10

(e) & (f): No other proposal has been received in respect of classical language projects.

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