

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 152
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025

RECOGNITION OF MANIPURI (MEITEILON) AS A CLASSICAL LANGUAGE

152. DR. ANGOMCHA BIMOL AKOIJAM:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps taken/being taken or proposed by the Government to confer Classical Language status on Manipuri (Meiteilon), which belongs to the Tibeto-Burmese linguistic family of the Indo-Mongoloid group and is regarded as one of the most ancient and advanced languages of India, which have also been noted by eminent linguist and Constituent Assembly member, Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterjee; and
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) & (b) The Ministry of Culture examines detailed proposals received from State Governments, along with the requisite evidentiary documents, for consideration of any language as a Classical Language of India. No proposal from the Government of Manipur has been received in this regard so far.
