

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3725**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2026

**CENTRAL SUPPORT TO CLASSICAL LANGUAGES**

**3725. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala regarding the classical language projects of Malayalam language since it conferred the status of classical language;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of languages conferred classical language status along with the central funds provided for the promotion of each languages?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) to (b) Yes. The Ministry of Education undertakes initiatives for the promotion and preservation of Classical Languages. Since the conferment of Classical Language status on Malayalam, the State Government of Kerala has submitted proposal regarding Establishment of a Centre of Excellence for Malayalam.

The Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru, under the Ministry of Education has therefore set up a Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Malayalam (CESCM) at Thunchathezuthachan Malayalam University, Tirur, Kerala.

- (c) Government of India recognized the following eleven languages as the Classical Language:

Sl. No	Classical language	Date of Recognition
i	Tamil	12.10.2004
ii.	Sanskrit	25.11.2005
iii.	Telugu	31.10.2008
iv.	Kannada	31.10.2008
v.	Malayalam	08.08.2013
vi.	Odia	01.03.2013
vii.	Marathi	04.10.2024
viii.	Assamese	04.10.2024
ix.	Bangla	04.10.2024
x.	Pali	04.10.2024
xi.	Prakrit	04.10.2024

The Ministry of Education works for the promotion and preservation of the Classical language. Sanskrit language is promoted through three Central University, viz Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University, New Delhi and National Sanskrit University, Tirupati. The details of the funds provided to the five classical languages declared prior to 04.10.2024 are as below:

**(Rs. In Lakh)**

Year	Kannada	Telugu	Odia	Malayalam	Tamil
2023-24	154.50	154.50	138.50	112.50	1525.00
2024-25	86.00	86.00	86.00	86.00	1430.00
2025-26	106.50	106.50	106.50	106.50	1697.00

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