

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title : Demand to accord classical language status to Marathi language.

***SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE (BARAMATI):** Hon'ble Chairman Sir, Maha Vikas Aghadi Government of Maharashtra has consistently been trying for granting classical language status to Marathi language.

We requested to Sahitya Academi 5 years ago in this regard. Marathi language fulfills the criteria adopted by the government to determine the eligibility of a language. Every year on 27th February, we celebrate the Birth Anniversary of Dyanpeeth awardee Kusumagraj as a Marathi Bhasha Divas. Few years back, Mahesh Sharma ji told us that it was under active consideration and Minister of State for Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal ji also gave the same reply last week.

Sir, crores of people love to speak this language around the world and our all great saint-poets had composed their Abhanga poetry in this language only.

We will be celebrating this 27th February as Marathi Bhasha Divas and therefore I request the central government to confer the status of classical language to Marathi on this very same day.

Thank you.