

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Request to scrp 16 Member Committee constituted to review the origin and development of Indian culture.

***SHRI S. VENKATESAN (MADURAI):** Hon. Speaker Sir, Vanakkam. In order to review the origin and development of Indian Culture, a 16-member Committee has been constituted. This was stated by the Hon. Minister for Culture. This Committee is not multidimensional in character. There is no representation from persons belonging to South India, North Eastern part of our country, minorities, women and Dalit in this Committee. Hindu high caste people have found their representation. The Scholars from the recognized South Indian languages particularly from Tamil, which is declared as a classical language by the Union Government, do not have any representation in this Committee. But a leader of a particular caste finds a place in this Committee. Is there not any part of India found beneath the Vindhya Range of mountains? Is there not any civilization other than Vedic civilization? Is there not any other ancient language other than Sanskrit? Is this Committee formed to neglect the findings of the researches of veterans like John Marshal, Sumit Kumar Chatterjee, Iravadham Mahadevan, Tony Joseph, R. Balakrishnan and to declare Puranas as History of this country? You cannot see the roots deep under the soil by flying on an airplane. Similarly the Culture of our country cannot be rewritten by those connected to Castes and Communities. I therefore urge upon the Government that this Committee should be scrapped.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : श्री बी. मणिकम टैगोर को श्री एस. वेंकटेशन द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है।

