

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1858
ANSWERED ON - 19/12/2022

**GRANTS TO CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF CLASSICAL TAMIL AND RASHTRIYA
SANSKRIT SANSTHAN**

1858. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of Indian Chairs abroad (in classical languages) established by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations;
- (b) whether the Government intends to establish an Indian Chair on the Tamil Language, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government or intends to take to promote Tamil as a classical language; and
- (d) the data on the grants released to the Central Institute of Classical Tamil and Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan since 2014, year-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) : The Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) has signed Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) with eight International Universities for establishment of Indian Chairs abroad in classical languages comprising of Sanskrit and Tamil. The ICCR has established a Tamil Chair in Poland.

(c): The Government of India has established a separate institute namely Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT), Chennai which works for the development and promotion of Classical Tamil. For promotion of Classical Tamil, the CICT conducts seminars, workshops, short term projects and translation of Tirukkural and other classical texts into Scheduled Languages and other languages.

(d): Grants released to CICT for promotion of Classical Tamil and grants released to Central Sanskrit University (CSU), New Delhi for promotion of Sanskrit language alongwith Pali and Prakrit languages and their literatures, which is as follows:

(Rs.in lakhs)

Year	CICT	CSU
2014-15	827.36	12580.00
2015-16	1199.68	16147.36
2016-17	510.44	14919.74
2017-18	1067.63	19831.06
2018-19	465.25	21437.99
2019-20	980.78	24699.28
2020-21	1173.00	19285.07
2021-22	1186.15	19883.16
