

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO-371**  
ANSWERED ON- 27.03.2023

**CLASSICAL STATUS TO INDIAN LANGUAGES**

\*371. ADV. A.M. ARIFF:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Indian languages which have been accorded the classical language status;
- (b) whether the Government has implemented any schemes to provide financial assistance to various projects of classical language;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the funds provided for each classical language during each of the last three years, language-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has received any proposal regarding the classical language projects during the last three years; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

\*\*\*\*\*

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.371 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2023 ASKED BY ADV. A.M. ARIFF, HON'BLE M.P. REGARDING "CLASSICAL STATUS TO INDIAN LANGUAGES"**

(a) to (d): Six Indian languages namely Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Odia have been accorded the status of Classical Language. The policy of the Government is to promote all Indian languages including classical languages. Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) works for the promotion of all Indian languages including four classical languages viz. Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam and Odia. Development and promotion of Classical Tamil is done by Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT). The Government of India is promoting Sanskrit Language through three Central Universities. Funds are provided to these universities for teaching and research in Sanskrit Language leading to award of degree, diploma, certificate to students and no separate funds are provided for undertaking any work related to classical aspect of Sanskrit. The details of funds provided for various classical languages are given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Language	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Kannada	107.00	108.00	106.50
Telugu	107.00	147.00	103.15
Malayalam	Nil	8.00	63.97
Tamil	770.00	1200.00	1200.00
Odia	Nil	8.00	58.38

(e) & (f): No other proposal has been received in respect of classical language projects.

\*\*\*\*