

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
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ANSWERED ON- 05/08/2024

FUNDS FOR CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

2288. Shri Balashowry Vallabhaneni:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam, Tamil and Odia have been declared as Classical Languages;
- (b) if so, the details of the facts along with the reasons that Tamil language being provided with Rs.1200 crore every year since 2020-21 and other languages have been provided with paltry amount ranging between Rs. 8 crores in 2020-21 to Odia to a maximum of Rs.186 crores for Malayalam in 2022-23;
- (c) the details of funds provided for 2023-24 for all above classical languages, including Telugu;
- (d) the details of promotional and works related to classical aspects of Telugu language undertaken since its declaration as Classical Language, year-wise;
- (e) whether any projects are pending for implementation; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with status of each of such project?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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(a) to (c): 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), Mysuru 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), Chennai. 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. Funds are provided as per requirement and utilisation. The details of funds provided for various classical languages are given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Language	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Kannada	127.50	106.50	128.25	154.50
Telugu	147.00	103.15	171.75	154.50
Malayalam	8.00	63.97	186.75	112.50
Tamil	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00	1525.00
Odia	8.00	58.38	176.75	138.50

(d) to (f): The Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Telugu (CESCT) conducted Seminars, Workshops and Lecture Series for the promotional work related to classical aspects of Telugu language. No other proposal has been received in respect of classical language projects which are pending for the implementation at the administrative level of the Institute. The internal fellows and external scholars have been assigned academic and research related assignments/projects/studies by the CESCT which gets completed in a span of two to three years, for which details are given below:

	Assigned	Completed	Ongoing
Studies/Projects/Assignments to internal staff	39	23	16
Studies/Projects/Assignments to external scholars	15	10	5
The above studies/projects/assignments are academic studies.			
