

Regarding need to accord the status of classical language to Marathi-Laid

SHRI RAVINDRA DATTARAM WAIKAR (MUMBAI NORTH-WEST): We have been demanding to accord the status of classical language to our Marathi language for the last many years. We do not only speak Marathi but also read, write and research in Marathi. It has got a glorious and historical heritage. The best quality literature is also available in abundance in Marathi language since ancient times. In the year 1278, Mhaibhatt had written 'Leelacharitra' and Sant Dhyaneswar composed 'Dyaneshwari' in 1290. Sant Eknath had written 'Bharud and added one more classic Epic named 'Eknathi Bhagmat Bhavarth Ramayan". The most adorable deity of Maharashtra Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj founded Maratha Empire. The archeological Department has the old and ancient records of Marathi scripts and texts as old as 1012 AD. We celebrate Marathi Language Day every year on 27th February. The Union Government has given the status of classical language to six different languages. When I was serving as a Minister in Maharashtra Government, I had sent a written request to Hon. Prime Minister in this regard on 19.2.2019. Marathi language fulfills the criteria to be accorded as a classical language. This is a matter of pride and honour for all the people of Maharashtra. Hence, I would like to request the Culture Minister to look into it personally and accord the classical language status to Marathi language.