

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3829
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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any Committee has been set up for considering the issue of declaration of Tamil and other Indian languages as official languages of the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the references made thereof;
- (c) whether the Committee has submitted its report;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

- (a) & (b): A decision has been taken to constitute a High Powered Body inter alia to study the feasibility of treating all 18 languages (including Tamil) of the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution, as official languages of the Union. The action to constitute the proposed Body has already been initiated.
- (c) to (e): Do not arise in view of above.