

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2266
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STATUS OF CLASSICAL LANGUAGES TO KANNADA AND TELUGU
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Committee of Linguistic Experts has examined the representations regarding declaration of Kannada as classical language;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the decision taken by the Government thereon;
- (d) if not, the reasons for the delay and the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report;
- (e) whether the Government has also received any proposal to declare Telugu language as a classical language; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT.AMBIKA SONI)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) & (c) Does not arise.
- (d) The meeting of the Committee of Linguistic Experts will be held shortly.
- (e) Yes, Sir.
- (f) Government of Andhra Pradesh and several other organizations have made representations to declare Telugu as a classical language. The requests were forwarded to the Sahitya Akademi for the consideration of the Committee of Linguistic Experts.