

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:147
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TAMIL AS I.T. FRIENDLY LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) the names of Indian languages made IT friendly so far;
- (b) whether there is any proposal under consideration to make Tamil Language as IT friendly;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(DR.SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): Language Processing tools are being developed for 18 Indian Languages namely Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The Resource Centre for Indian Language Technology Solutions (RCILTS) at Anna University is focussing on the development of language processing tools for Tamil Languages. C-DAC Word-processing products also support Tamil. Proprietary products from private vendors such as Chennai Kavigal support Tamil.

(d): Does not arise.