

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:875
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CLASSICAL STATUS TO KANNADA LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any report from the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CILL) for conferring classical status to Kannada Language;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the matter is now under the high level committee to take a decision; and
- (d) if so, the time by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. However, Ministry of Human Resource Development forwarded representations received by it which were addressed to the Prime Minister regarding conferring classical status to Kannada Language to the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CILL), Mysore for their comments. The CILL sent its comments asked for in this regard to that Ministry.

(c) & (d): A Committee of Linguistic Experts has been set up by the Ministry of Culture to consider and examine any language as classical language and the proposals for declaring Kannada as classical language. These proposals need to be studied by the Committee in detail and no deadline can be fixed for this purpose.