

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5282
ANSWERED ON:28.04.2010
PROFESSIONAL CHAIRS FOR CLASSICAL LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has directed University Grants Commission (UGC) to set up professional chairs for classical languages in select universities for scholars;
- (b) if so, the details thereof especially for Telugu language;
- (c) the funds earmarked and spent for each language in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (d) the demands still pending with the Government for each language ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. University Grants Commission (UGC) has been requested to set up Professional Chairs in classical languages of Tamil, Kannada and Telugu.

(c) Funds earmarked and spent in respect of various classical languages during the first four years of Eleventh Five Year Plan are as under :-

Rs. In Lakhs
LANGUAGE SANSKRIT TAMIL TELUGU AND KANNADA

Year	Budget Estimate	Expendit ures	Budget Estimates	Expenditure Estimates	Budget	Expenditure
2007-08	3600.00	3745.00	500.00	401.00	0.00	0.00
2008-09	4600.00	4600.00	1200.00	450.00	0.00	0.00
2009-10	4900.00	6092.00	1500.00	859.00	0.00	0.00
2010-11	5200.00	0.00	1600.00	0.00	150.00	0.00

(d) No demand is pending with this Ministry regarding classical languages.