

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CLASSICAL LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Indian languages announced by the Government as classical languages; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to promote these languages?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) Tamil, Sanskrit, Telugu and Kannada languages have been classified by the Government as Classical Languages.
- (b) Various schemes/programmes relating to research, documentation, development and preservation are implemented to promote classical languages. It also includes instituting chairs for classical languages in Universities and instituting awards to eminent scholars in classical languages.