

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MALAYALAM AS CLASSICAL LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Kerala to declare Malayalam language as classical language;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (d) the time by which a decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A delegation led by the Chief Minister of Kerala submitted to the Prime Minister in May 2010, a Memorandum on conferring classical status to the Malayalam Language.

(c)&(d) The said Memorandum has been referred to the Sahitya Akademi for placing the same before the Committee of Linguistic Experts at its next meeting.