

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3692
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2010
TAMIL AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE
Thamaraiselvan Shri R.

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any resolution was passed during the World Tamil Conference for making Tamil as official language of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a similar request has been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The First World Classical Tamil Conference was held during 23-27 June, 2010 in Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) in which a Resolution was passed to the effect that in regard to make Tamil language as the official language of the official language of the country. The Central Government be requested to give Tamil language the status of official language of the Country.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu sent a letter to the Prime Minister on 13.05.2010, requesting him that keeping in view the sentiments of the people of Tamil Nadu, a final decision may be taken as early as possible for giving Tamil language, the status of official language of the country by making amendment in the Constitution of India.

(e): A Committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Dr. Sitakant Mohapatra to study, inter-alia the feasibility of making all the languages included in the eighth Schedule of the Constitution including Tamil as official language of the Union. The Committee has submitted its Report to the Government. The Report of the Committee is under consideration of the Government.