

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

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CLASSICAL LANGUAGES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of regional languages declared as classical languages;
- (b) the benefits and monetary assistance extended to the States/U.Ts. during each of the last three years for the development of classical languages; and
- (c) the action plan drawn up by the Government to extend additional benefits to the States for the above purpose?

**Answer**

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

- (a) : Tamil, Sanskrit, Telugu and Kannada languages have been declared as Classical Languages by the Government of India.
- (b) & (c): The programmes for development of classical languages are undertaken and implemented directly by the Central Government as Centrally funded Schemes and as such the question of granting monetary assistance to the States/U.Ts for the purpose does not arise.