

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

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PHALGUNA SAKA PROMOTION OF CLASSICAL LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any proactive steps in providing the grants for the development of classical languages especially Kannada;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to establish the Kannada study centres in the international Universities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has fixed time limit to provide Central aid under classical language status; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): In pursuance of the Union Cabinet's decision to classify Kannada as 'Classical Language', the Ministry of Human Resource Development(MHRD) has taken follow up action by sending a draft Standing Finance Committee (SFC) Note to the Planning Commission for obtaining their 'in principle' approval relating to the grant of annual international awards for scholars of eminence in Classical Kannada along with setting up of a Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada at the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore, a Subordinate Office of the MHRD.

(c) & (d): There is no proposal at present to establish Kannada study centres in the international Universities.

(e) & (f): In view of (a) & (b) above, the questions do not arise.