

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

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FACILITIES FOR CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

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

- (a) whether the Government is providing various facilities to the classical languages in the country including Kannada for their development and propagation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the Eleventh Plan, language-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the grants allocated/released for development and propagation of classical languages during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and language wise;
- (e) whether the Union Government has received any complaints for the non-utilization of the funds for classical languages in the States, including Karnataka;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Tamil, Sanskrit, Telugu and Kannada languages have been declared as Classical Languages by the Govt. of India.

The Government of India is promoting Sanskrit through schemes implemented by three Sanskrit Universities (Deemed) viz. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS), New Delhi, Sri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (SLBSRSV), New Delhi and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (RSV), Tirupati and Maharishi Sandipni Rastriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan, Ujjain (MSRVVP), an autonomous organisation under the M/o HRD. The Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT) has been set up at Chennai in January 2008 as an autonomous body fully funded by the Central Govt. for promoting Classical Tamil.

RSKS imparts education mainly on Sanskrit language from school level to Post Graduate/Doctorate level through its campuses and affiliated institutions. It implements various schemes through Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalas. It has other schemes such as vocational training scheme, Sanskrit Dictionary project, production of Sanskrit Literature, purchase of Sanskrit books, Merit scholarship. MSRVVP, Ujjain is working for preservation of Oral tradition in Vedic studies.

The CICT offers fellowships, Grant in Aid for short term projects, grants for holding meetings, workshops and seminars and publications of newsletters, books and CDs. Eminent scholars of Sanskrit and Tamil are adorned with Presidential Awards.

The Central Govt. is in the process of establishing centre of excellence for the development and promotion of classical Kannada and Telugu.

(d): The grants released for development and propagation of classical languages during the last three years including current year are given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Language/Year 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 (till date)

Tamil 4.47 8.61 10.16 3.00

Sanskrit	72.10	99.18	108.75	54.97
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(e) to (g): The programmes for development of classical languages is undertaken and implemented directly by the Central Govt. as a Central Sector programme and as such the question of non-utilisation of funds in the States/U.Ts does not arise.