

**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 Government has any proposal 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 HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (d) Government of India has received requests from Government of Kerala and some other quarters for according classical language status to the Malayalam language. These requests were referred to the Sahitya Akademi for being placed before the Committee of Linguistic Experts for their consideration. A meeting of this Committee was held in January 2011. The members deliberated on the subject and suggested that the Committee of Linguistic Experts may be reconstituted and the matter referred to the new Committee. Their suggestion of reconstituting the Committee is under consideration of the Government.