

**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 proposes to declare Malayalam language as a classical language;
- (b) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) Government of India has received requests from Government of Kerala and some other quarters for according classical language status to the Malayalam language.

(b)&(c) These requests were referred to the Sahitya Akademi for being placed before the Committee of Linguistic Experts for their consideration. Government informed the Akademi that the existing Committee of Linguistic experts may consider the representation of Government of Kerala. The matter was considered in the meeting held on 5th March 2012.