

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

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PROFESSIONAL CHAIRS FOR CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

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

- (a) whether the Government has asked the University Grants Commission (UGC) to set up professional chairs for classical languages in select universities for scholars;
- (b) if so, the complete details thereof;
- (c) the funds earmarked and spent for each language in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and
- (d) the demands still pending with the Ministry for each language?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) vide letter No.8-81/2009-Languages-II dated 9.3.2010 had requested the University Grants Commission (UGC) to set up professional chairs for scholars of eminence in classical languages of Kannada and Telugu. Earlier also, the Ministry of HRD vide letter No.20-20/2004-Desk(U) dated 21.12.2004 had requested the UGC to set up professional chairs for scholars of eminence in classical Tamil.

(c) & (d): Grants for the development of Sanskrit, Hindi, Urdu and Sindhi is given to the respective institutions of Govt. of India viz. Central Hindi Directorate, Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology, Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, National Council for promotion of Urdu Language, National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, and Maharishi Sandipani Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan, by this Ministry. Consolidated grants for the development of other languages is given to Central Institute of Indian Languages(CILL), mandated as an apex body to help in evolving and implementing the language policy of the Government of India and to assist and advise the State Governments on matters of language and coordinate the development of Indian languages. Ministry also gives grants to Central Institute of Classical Tamil and CILL for the development of Classical Tamil, and Classical Telugu & Classical Kannada respectively. The details of budget allocation and expenditure made during the 11th Plan i.e. from 2007-2008 till 2011-2012 (upto 20.3.2012) by the various language institutions is given at Annexure.

Besides the above, the UGC also gives grants to Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi, and other Universities for the development of languages in India.