

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF TAMIL AS CLASSICAL LANGUAGE  
Baal Thiru Thalikkottai Rajuthevar

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

- (a) the number of proposals received from Tamil Nadu Government for development of Tamil as a classical language;
- (b) the amount allocated and released to the Government of Tamil Nadu and expenditure incurred by the Central Government for the purpose; and
- (c) the expenditure incurred by Central Government for development of non-classical languages in the country during the last five years, language- wise?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The proposals received were regarding establishment of Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT) at Chennai, shifting of temporary staff of Centre of Excellence for Classical Tamil (CECT) from Mysore to CICT, Chennai and Presidential Awards for Classical Tamil, regarding all of which suitable action was taken.
- (b) All releases were made to CICT, Chennai and not to Government of Tamil Nadu, as the former is an autonomous organization of this Ministry.
- (c) Information is given at Annexure.