

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

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PROPOSAL FOR CLASSICAL LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal seeking its approval to set up a Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Languages (Kannada and Telugu (CESCL) at the Central Institute for Indian Languages, Mysore;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the proposal is pending for almost a year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it would likely to get clearance;
- (e) whether any time frame has been fixed in this regard; and
- (f) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has issued an order on 29.9.2011 for establishing Centres of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada and Classical Telugu at the Central Institute of Indian Languages, (CILL), Mysore. The major components of these research centres includes identifying sources of classical languages, promote, propagate and preserve these classical languages, undertake and encourage research and documentation in India/abroad, link classical languages and modern technology, publish books related to Classical Kannada/Telugu and translate classical texts into other Indian languages, English and select European languages. The Scheme has also instituted awards for each of the classical languages Kannada/Telugu viz. one life time achievement award for Indian scholar, two international awards for life time achievement (one for Indian and another for non-Indian origin), and five young scholar awards in the age group of 30-40. A centre of excellence for studies in Classical Kannada has been established in the campus of CILL, Mysore.

A Committee has been constituted by the MHRD to look into the feasibility of relocating the Centre for Excellence for Classical Telugu from CILL, Mysore to Hyderabad on the basis of a request received from State Government of Andhra Pradesh. While the Committee was finalising the report, another offer for locating the centre in the premises of State Gallery of Fine Arts, Madhapur, Hyderabad has been received from the State Government. This is being examined by the Committee.