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CLASSICAL LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is allocating funds for research in Telugu and Kannada languages, its history and poetry, also to take it to future generations after it got the classical language status equivalent to Tamil language;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount spent so far in the Eleventh and Twelfth Plan period; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has allocated Rs. 1.12 crore during the XI Plan period and Rs. 20.04 crore during the XII Plan period for research in classical Telugu and Kannada languages.

The amount spent is Rs. 51.14 lakhs during 2011-12 and Rs. 27.40 lakhs during 2012-13, so far. In addition, University Grants Commission (UGC) released Rs. 75.00 lakhs each to Central University of Karnataka and University of Hyderabad for the development of these classical languages during the XI Plan.

(c) Does not arise.