

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

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FUNDS FOR CLASSICAL LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government allocates funds for research activities in the classical language of Tamil every year;
- (b) if so, the details of the funds allocated and utilised for the above purpose during the last three years;
- (c) whether the said funds have not been fully utilised and returned to Union Government by the Government of Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for non-utilisation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(DR.SHASHI THAROOR)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The details of funds allocated and utilized for the above purpose to Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT), Chennai during last three years is given below:-

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Funds allocated	Funds Utilised
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2009-10	15.00	8.82
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2010-11	16.00	10.16
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2011-12	16.00	8.22
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(c) & (d) : The programme for the development of classical Tamil is implemented by the Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT), Chennai, an autonomous body of the Central Government. Therefore, the question of returning the unutilized funds by the Government of Tamil Nadu to the Government of India does not arise. The funds remained unutilized as the construction of the permanent building could not start due to lack of approval of the competent authority and difficulty in filling the regular posts due to a Court Order.