

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received request from the various State Governments for declaring of regional languages as official language;
- (b) if so, the number of such request received by the Government till date, Statewise and language-wise including Tamil; and
- (c) the time by which a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAYMAKEN)

(a) to (c): Only Tamil Nadu State Government has requested to declare Tamil as official language. As many constraints are involved in this matter, it needs intensive discussion.