

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1523
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REGIONAL LANGUAGES AS CLASSICAL LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the regional languages declared as classical language including Kannada ;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and released for the development of classical languages in the country during the last three years and the current year; language-wise, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up a Centre of Excellence for studies in Classical Kannada at Mysore and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the financial assistance is likely to be provided by the Union Government?

Answer

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

- (a): In addition to Sanskrit, Tamil, Kannada, Telugu and Malayalam are the regional languages which have been declared as Classical Languages by the Government of India.
- (b): The details of the funds allocated and released for the development of Classical Languages in the country during the last three years and the current year, til date, are given below:-

(Rs. In iakhs)

Language/	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14					
Year	allocation	release	allocation	release	allocation	release	allocation	release	release
Malayalam	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Nil	Nil			
Kannada	Nil	Nil	55.63	54.54	218.00	218.00	218.00	218.00	
Telugu	Nil	Nil	55.63	54.54	218.00	218.00	218.00	218.00	
Tamil	1600.00	1088.95	1200.00	1000.00	928.00	644.44	1800.00	400.00	
Sanskrit	14057.47	14057.47	14962.21	14962.21	18355.28	18355.28	20643.00	6068.00	

- (c) & (d): The Ministry of Human Resource Development issued an order on 29.9.2011 to establish the Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada at the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CILL), Mysore, a subordinate office of this Ministry and funds are allocated by this Ministry to CILL for the Centre. However, the State Government of Karnataka has requested this Ministry to shift the Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada from CILL, Mysore to Bengaluru.