

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2408**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 03RD DECEMBER, 2019/AGRAHAYANA 12, 1941 (SAKA)

DEVELOPMENT AND ADVANCEMENT OF INDIAN LANGUAGES

2408. MS. S. JOTHIMANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government for the development and advancement of Indian languages, especially regional languages;**
- (b) the details of the measures for the promotion of Indian languages across the country and globally;**
- (c) the details of the schemes and projects undertaken by the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) for all the languages, including those listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution; and**
- (d) whether the Government would consider a proposal for creating a separate institution for development and promotion of Tamil language and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a) & (c) The policy of the Government is to promote all Indian Languages. Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore works for the promotion of all Indian languages including those listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. There are also separate institutions for development and promotion of Hindi, Urdu, Sindhi and Sanskrit languages. CIIL works and collaborates with various stakeholders including Universities, institutes, State Government Institutes, etc for development of languages. CIIL works through its various schemes and projects like Bharatavani, National Translation Mission, Linguistic

Data Consortium of Indian Languages, etc. for development and promotion of languages. CIIL has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mahatma Gandhi Institute (MGI), Moka, Mauritius to promote Indian languages. MGI teaches Indian languages in Mauritius, including Hindi, Tamil, Telugu.

(d) The Central Government has already established the Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT) at Chennai focused on development, promotion and development of classical Tamil.
