

**Proposal from A.P. for scheme of Financial Assistance**

2498. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T. : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a proposal from Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in the Ministry under Scheme of Financial Assistance to State/UT Archival Repositories, Government Libraries and Museums;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposal; and
- (c) what action has been taken on the above proposal so far?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal from Andhra Pradesh State Archives and Research Institute, Hyderabad was received in 2012-13 under the Scheme of "Financial Assistance for State/UT Archival Repositories, Government Libraries and Museums".

(c) The Grants Committee of National Archives of India considered it and recommended financial assistance of Rs. 24.25 lakh as Central share.

**Protection of Native Languages and cultures**

2499. PROF. MRINAL MIRI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several native languages in our country have been listed as endangered;
- (b) if so, whether the inalienable connection between culture and language, the cultures to which these endangered languages belong are also endangered; and
- (c) the details of steps being taken for protecting these languages and cultures from extinction?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH): As per information received from Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Higher Education):-

(a) The UNESCO in its 2009 Report on Language Endangerment has listed 196 Indian languages/mother tongues facing different levels of endangerment. However, all of them are not endangered.