

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.

(b) Once the language becomes endangered the culture and heritage are also endangered.

(c) A scheme for protection and preservation of 520 languages/mother tongues spoken by less than 10000 persons, in order of increasing number of speakers starting from the languages having the least number of speakers, is implemented by the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore for the Twelfth Year Plan period.

Conservation and renovation work of monuments in U.P.

‡2500. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is doing the conservation and renovation work of different monuments and sites in Uttar Pradesh properly.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any information regarding the damage caused by improper way of renovation;

(d) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto; and

(e) whether Government is taking any strong steps for conservation and protection of monuments/sites?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has 743 protected monuments in Uttar Pradesh. Conservation work of these is attended to properly as per archaeological norms and principles.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Conservation work of protected monuments is attended to regularly, depending upon the need of repairs at particular site and availability of resources and they are in a good state of preservation.

‡ Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.