

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has not yet approved the Classical status to Oriya language inspite of the fact that the Linguistic Committee has already recommended to declare Oriya as a Classical language;

(b) whether it is a fact that Members of Parliament from Odisha, 11 Literary Organizations and Odisha Government have submitted the memorandum to the Central Government and if so, when these organizations, MPs and State Government submitted the memorandum; and

(c) whether the Ministry has received any notice for dharna before Parliament demanding Classical status of Oriya language and if so, by when Government is going to declare Oriya language as classical language?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The following representations have been received:

MP: Shri Rama Chandra Khuntia, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) sent representations in September, 2012, October, 2012, November, 2012, June, 2013, July, 2013, August, 2013, November, 2013 and January, 2014.

Literary Organization: An organization, namely, Lekhaka Sammukhya made a representation in September, 2012.

Odisha Government: The Government of Odisha sent a Report on this issue in June, 2013.

(c) No, Sir.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Measures taken to increase Industrial Growth Rate

1551. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of industrial growth in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of industrial sectors registering low/negative growth rate along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to increase the growth rate in the aforesaid sectors and the outcome achieved thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN): (a) to (c) The industrial performance measured in terms of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) reflects movements in production of manufacturing, mining & quarrying and electricity over base of 2004-05. The growth of IIP during 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 was 8.2%, 2.9 and 1% respectively. During April-November, 2013-14, the IIP moderated by 0.2% over corresponding period of previous year.

The details of the sectoral growth rates are as in the table below:

Table: Sectoral Growth Rates (in %).

Years	Mining & Quarrying	Manufacturing	Electricity	Overall
2010-11	5.2	8.9	5.5	8.2
2011-12	-2.0	3.0	8.2	2.9
2012-13	-2.3	1.3	4.0	1.1
April-Nov, 2013-14	-2.2	-0.6	5.4	-0.2

The moderation in industrial growth can be attributed to both domestic as well as international factors which, *inter-alia*, include decline in export demand due to global slowdown, moderation in domestic demand, inflationary pressures, increase in input costs etc.

The Central Government has taken a number of measures to boost the industrial growth' of the country. These, *inter-alia*, include announcement of National Manufacturing Policy (NMP), 2011, simplification and rationalization of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Policy, implementation of Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) project, conceptualisation of Amritsar Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC), launching of the e-biz Mission Mode Project under the National e-Governance Plan, and creating a joint venture 'Invest India' in association with FICCI. Besides, incentives are given for helping industries in difficult areas through plan schemes of Transport Subsidy/Freight Subsidy Scheme, special package of incentives for Special Category States, North-East Industrial & Investment Promotion Policy, 2007, and specific programmes like Modified Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme, Indian Leather Development Programmes etc.