

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

RAJYA SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1624
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2021**

CLASSICAL STATUS TO KANNADA LANGUAGE

1624: Dr. L. HANUMANTHAI AH

Will the Minister of CULTURE संस्कृति मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether it is fact that there is a demand from the State Government of Karnataka to accord classical language status to Kannada language and this proposal is still pending with Government;
- (b) if so, the efforts made by Government for an early approval of said proposal; and
- (c) the reasons for pendency of said proposal?

MINISTER FOR CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G.KISHAN REDDY)

ANSWER

(a to c) Yes Sir. The Government of India has constituted a Committee of Linguistic Experts to consider the requests received for categorizing the language as Classical Language. Sahitya Akademi, the Akademi of Letters under Ministry of Culture facilitates the Ministry in the process. On the basis of the recommendation of the Linguistic Experts Committee, the Government of India declared Kannada as Classical Language vide Notification No. 2-16/2004-Akad. Dated 31/10/2008.
