

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1139  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022**

**Development of Kannada Language**

**1139 Shri Iranna Kadadi:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by Government for the development and advancement of Indian languages, especially regional languages;
- (b) the details of measures taken 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 Government would consider a proposal for creating a separate institution for development and promotion of Kannada language and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) & (b) : The National Education Policy, 2020 focuses on promotion of all Indian Languages including regional languages. NEP, 2020 provides, wherever possible, for medium of instruction to be in the home language/mother tongue/local language upto at least class 5 and preferably upto class 8. The policy also provides for making available high quality text books in home language/mother tongue and encouraging teachers to use bilingual approach while teaching. In addition to this, it provides for more Higher Educational Institutions

(HEI) and more programmes in Higher Education to use the mother tongue/local language as a medium of instruction and/or offer programmes bilingually. All India Council for Technical education (AICTE) has issued guidelines permitting technical education institutions to offer their courses in local languages also. Translation of reference material for Engineering courses are made available in Regional languages on SWAYAM MOOCS portal. Course material including text books and teaching resources for Grades 1-12 are available on DIKSHA portal of the Government in various Indian languages. Joint Entrance Exam (JEE) and National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) conducted in various Indian languages . Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru with its seven regional languages centres works for the promotion of all Indian languages including Scheduled/Non-Scheduled and Classical languages. CIIL also teaches 20 scheduled languages to second language learners through its seven Regional Language Centres. There are separate organisations for development and promotion of Hindi, Urdu, Sindhi and Sanskrit languages.

(c): CIIL runs various Schemes/Projects for development/promotion of Scheduled/Non-Scheduled and classical languages viz. Linguistic Data Consortium for Indian Languages (LDC-IL), National Translation Mission(NTM), National Testing Service(NTS), Bharatavani Project, Grant in Aid scheme, Scheme for Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages (SPPEL), Centre of Excellence for Studies for promotion of Classical Kannada, Classical Telugu, Classical Malayalam, Classical Odia.

(d): There is no proposal to consider separate institution for development and promotion of Kannada language. However, Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada has been established under CIIL, Mysuru for promotion of Classical Kannada language.

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