

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1610
ANSWERED ON- 21/12/2022

FUNDS PROVIDED FOR CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

1610 # SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Indian languages which have been conferred, the status of classical language till now;
- (b) whether Government has implemented any scheme to provide financial assistance to various projects pertaining to classical languages in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the language-wise details of funds provided for each classical language during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (e) whether Government has any proposal regarding classical language projects during the last two years; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Six Indian languages namely Sanskrit, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Odia have been accorded the status of Classical Language. The policy of the Government is to promote all Indian languages including classical languages. Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) works for the promotion of all Indian languages including four classical languages viz. Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam and Odia. Development and promotion of Classical Tamil is done by Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT). The Government of India is promoting Sanskrit Language through three Central Universities. Funds are provided to these universities for teaching and research in Sanskrit Language leading to award of degree, diploma, certificate to students and no separate funds are provided for undertaking any work related to classical aspect of Sanskrit.

The detail of funds allocated for various classical languages is given below:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Language	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Kannada	107.00	108.00	106.50	171.75
Telugu	107.00	147.00	103.15	171.75
Malayalam	Nil	8.00	63.97	186.75
Tamil	770.00	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00
Odia	Nil	8.00	58.38	176.75

(e) & (f): No other proposal has been received in respect of classical language projects.
