GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-59

ANSWERED ON- 07/12/2022

AUTONOMOUS STATUS FOR CESCK

59 SHRI JAGGESH:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a persistent demand from the people of Karnataka for grant of autonomous status for the Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK) on the line of autonomous status to Tamil language; and
- (b) if so, the status of granting autonomous status to CESCK and details of grants released every year for the promotion of Kannada, Tamil and Sanskrit languages, year-wise 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 Kannada language. Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada has been established under Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru for promotion of Classical Kannada language. The Ministry of Education gives grants for promotion of all Scheduled/Non Scheduled and Classical Indian languages through CIIL and other language institutions under its administrative control. The funds for this are not allocated language wise. The details of grants allocated for last five years for the Promotion of Indian Languages is as follows:-

(Rs. in crores)

2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
450.13	449.47	529.17	547.93	532.88

The funds allocated/released for the promotion of Classical Kannada language through CIIL for last five years is as under:

(Rs.in lakhs)

Year	Funds allocated	Funds released
2017-18	100.00	55.46
2018-19	99.00	83.73
2019-20	107.00	92.01
2020-21	108.00	81.97
2021-22	106.50	99.16
