

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-65
ANSWERED ON- 07/12/2022

PROMOTION OF CLASSICAL KANNADA LANGUAGE

65 SHRI JAGGESH:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether work on promotion of Karnataka language is not going on expected lines despite the grant of classical status for the language;
- (b) whether there is a persistent demand from the people of Karnataka to develop a Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK) on the line of classical Sanskrit and Tamil which has a fully furnished facility, if so, the steps taken by Government;
- (c) whether the funds released so far the promotion of Kannada is delayed and meagre as compared to other classical languages like Tamil and Sanskrit; and
- (d) if so, details of funds released for the promotion of classical Kannada, Tamil and Sanskrit languages language so far; year-wise, details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) : No Sir.

(b): The Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada under Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru has been established by Government of India for promotion of Classical Kannada language. The National Education Policy, 2020 focuses on promotion of all Indian Languages including Kannada language.

(c) & (d): CIIL, Mysuru works for the promotion of all Indian languages including Scheduled/Non-Scheduled and Classical languages. There is no delay in release of budget for Classical Kannada language and grants are released as per requirement and utilisation. The funds for this Institution are not allocated language wise. The details of grants allocated by this Ministry for last five years for the Promotion of various 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
