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Title : Regarding inclusion of Malayalam in the list of approved languages -laid.

SHRI BENNY BEHANAN (CHALAKUDY): Malayalam may be included in the list of approved languages for training members of parliament and officials in various Indian languages. Now languages such as Gujarati, Bengali, Marathi, Tamil & Telugu were included in the first stage and subsequently Kannada was included. Though Malayalam is recognised as a classical language, unfortunately, it has been overlooked in several instances. Malayalam is a rich language with classical literature since centuries. The very first Jnanpith award was bestowed to a towering Malayalam poet, G. Shankara Kurup, in 1965 speaks volumes about the merit of the language.

Hence, I would request to the Central Govt that Malayalam may be included in the list of approved languages .