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Title: Regarding conferring the status of 'Classical Language' on Marathi language-laid.

SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT (RATNAGIRI-SINDHUDURG):The proposal of Maharashtra Govt. for conferring the Status of “Classical Language” on Marathi Language has been pending with the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India since 2013.

This proposal has been pursued by the successive Governments of Maharashtra at the level of Hon’ble Chief Minister, Hon’ble Minister, Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary/Secretary of the State with the Central Government at the highest level continuously since 2014. Also, on the occasion of “Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din” on 27th February, 2020, during Budget Session, both the Houses of Maharashtra State Legislature had passed a resolution for taking urgent decision to confer Classical Language Status on Marathi Language and the same was forwarded to the Central Govt. for further action.

However, the proposal is still pending with the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India on one pretext or the other.

I would, therefore, earnestly request the Hon’ble Minister of Culture that an early decision on this issue may kindly be taken in view of the long standing demand of people of Maharashtra.