

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Demand to grant the status of classical language to Marathi language.

श्री श्रीरंग आप्पा बारणे (मावल) : सभापति महोदय, मैं मराठी भाषा में अपनी बात रखना चाहता हूँ।

Hon'ble Chairman Sir, we have been demanding the Central government to grant classic language status to Marathi for the last many years. But, the Central government is deliberate ignoring our demand.

Marathi language has many dialects and it has a glorious history of 2200 years.

In the famous Epic Dyaneshwari, Marathi is regarded to be sweeter than nector. Marathi language has got a great literary tradition and many great Marathi authors like Sant Dyaneshwar, Sant Tukaram, VS Khandekar, Vinda Karandikar, PL Deshpande, Bhalchandra Nemade, Mangesh Padgaonkar and others have contributed to Marathi literature. Every Maharashtrian has the feeling of pride and honour for Marathi.

All the people of Maharashtra love Marathi language from the core of their hearts. They have a very strong feeling for it. We have a divine bonding with Marathi.

Hence, I would like to request the Central government to respect the sentiments of the Marathis and grant the status of classical language to Marathi language as early as possible.

Thank you,