

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3283
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CLASSICAL LANGUAGE STATUS TO KANNADA .
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has taken decision to declare Kannada as a classical language;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) If not, the reasons for the delay and the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b)&(c) Representations have been received to declare Kannada as Classical language. The requests have been referred to the Committee of Linguistic Experts constituted for examining such requests.