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Title: Need to grant classical language status to Malayalam language.

SHRI N. PEETHAMBARA KURUP (KOLLAM): Malayalam is one of the oldest and richest languages in Southern India. Malayalam language is abundant with epics and enriching literary works. The Sub-Committee of the Kendriya Sahitya Academy has already submitted its report to the Ministry of Culture recommending to grant classical status to Malayalam. The Ministry of Culture has accepted the recommendation. It has been learnt that the Ministry of Culture has also recommended the same to the Union Govt. for granting classical status to Malayalam.

I, therefore, urge upon the Central Government to grant classical status to Malayalam language at the earliest so that the long cherished dream of the Keralites will be fulfilled.