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Title: Regarding celebration of 'Sanskrit week' in CBSE schools in Tamil Nadu.

\*SHRI P.R.SUNDARAM (NAMAKKAL) : Hon. Madam Speaker. The Union Government had sent a circular to all CBSE schools in the country to celebrate Sanskrit week from 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 in order to encourage students to learn Sanskrit. Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu *Puratchithalaivi* Amma has written a letter to Hon. Prime Minister objecting the move of the Union Government. Tamil is a classical language. Tamil Nadu has an ancient culture and Tamil is an ancient language. Hon. Amma has been striving hard to uphold Tamil language and social justice. Hon. Amma is highly regarded as the champion of social justice. Hon. Amma had successfully organized the World Tamil Conference in Thanjavur. In this context, contradicting the policy of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the present Union Government had sent this circular to celebrate Sanskrit week throughout the country. India is a nation having so many languages. Celebrations should be organized only with regard to the language of the State concerned. Hon. Amma, in a letter written to Hon. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has stressed the need for organizing language week celebrations only on the basis of the language that is being spoken in the State concerned. Hon. Amma also wanted to withdraw Sanskrit week celebrations which is aimed to uphold Sanskrit as the mother of all languages. During the first week of Tamil month *Chithirai* (*i.e.* from 14<sup>th</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> April) Tamil week celebrations should be organized. I do not know whether Hon. Prime Minister is aware of this circular being sent by the Ministry of Human Resources Development.

I urge the Hon. Prime Minister, through this House, to look into this matter and stop the Sanskrit week celebrations. As there is paucity of time, Hon. Prime Minister should intervene at the earliest.