

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 276**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.07.2004

PROMOTION OF TAMIL LANGUAGE

276. SHRI A.K. MOORTHY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Tamil has been declared as a classical language;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the features as a result of such declaration;
- (c) whether it is proposed to release special funds for development of Tamil Language;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): The development of Indian languages including Tamil is the joint responsibility of both Central and the State Governments.

(d) & (e): Central Institute of Indian Languages, Mysore provides grant in-aid towards purchase of Tamil books, publication of Tamil manuscripts etc. and imparts training in Tamil language to teachers of various states. National Book Trust has translated many works of Tamil in other languages. Sahitya Akademi also gives awards for Tamil literature.