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New Delhi-110011 dated 12th October, 2004

NOTIFICATION

It has been decided by the Government of India to create a new category of languages as 'Classical Languages'

2. //The following criteria will be used to determine the eligibility of languages to be considered for classification as a 'Classical Language' :-

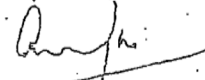
- (i) High antiquity of its early texts/recorded history over a thousand years.
- (ii) A body of ancient literature/texts, which is considered a valuable heritage by generations of speakers.
- (iii) The literary tradition be original and not borrowed from another speech community.

3. It is also notified that the 'Tamil Language' satisfies the criteria listed at para 2 above and would henceforth be classified as a 'Classical Language'.

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The Ministry of Culture will take all further steps to follow up and implement the above decisions.



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The Manager,
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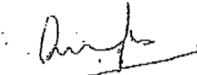
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NOTIFICATIONCORRIGENDUM

In the Notification of even number dated the 12th October, 2004 to be published in Part-I of Section 1 of the Gazette of India to create a new category of languages as 'Classical Languages', the following point may be inserted at sub-para (iv) after sub-para (iii) under para No.2 of the said Notification:-

(iv) The classical language and literature being distinct from modern there may also be a discontinuity between the classical language and its later forms or its offshoots.

2. All other provisions of the said Notification will remain unchanged.



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