

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2943  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2017**

**EXTINCTION OF LANGUAGES**

**2943. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:**

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government is aware that many languages are on the verge of extinction in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to save languages from extinction?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

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(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The Government is aware that some languages are identified as endangered languages. A list of endangered languages in India is given in the Annexure. The Government of India has initiated a Scheme known as "Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages of India" (SPPEL). Under this scheme, the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore works on protection, preservation and documentation of all the mother tongues/languages of India spoken by less than 10,000 people. The Government has also initiated a Project known as "Bharatavani" implemented by the CIIL for all languages, especially the languages spoken by more than ten thousand persons, in the cyberspace. This Project aims to build a searchable knowledge repository in and about all the languages in India in multimedia

(text, audio, video, images) formats through an online portal. University Grants Commission (UGC) has launched a scheme 'Study and Research in Indigenous and Endangered language in India' and approved grants to the nine Central Universities and six State Universities for Establishment of Centres for Endangered Language in these Universities during 12<sup>th</sup> Plan.

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) of LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2943 ASKED BY SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP  
FOR 20.03.2017 REGARDING EXTINCTION OF LANGUAGES**

1 A'tong	41 Darma	81 Kodagu
2 Adi	42 Deori	82 Koireng*
3 Ahom	43 Dimasa	83 Kokborok
4 Aimol*	44 Gadaba*	84 Kolami
5 Aiton	45 Galo	85 Kom
6 Aka *	46 Gangte	86 Konda
7 Aka	47 Garhwali	87 Konyak
8 Anal	48 Geta	88 Koraga*
9 Andro	49 Gondi	89 Korku
10 Angami	50 Gorum	90 Koro
11 Angika	51 Great Andamanese*	91 Korwa
12 Ao	52 Gutob	92 Kota*
13 Apatani	53 Handuri*	93 Kui
14 Asur	54 Hill Miri	94 Kului
15 Badaga	55 Hmar	95 Kumaoni
16 Baghati*	56 Ho	96 Kundal Shahi
17 Balti	57 Hrangkhol	97 Kurru
18 Bangani*	58 Idu	98 Kuruba*
19 Bangni	59 Irula	99 Kurux
20 Bawm	60 Jad	100 Kuvi
21 Bellari*	61 Jangshung	101 Ladakhi
22 Bhadravahi	62 Jarawa*	102 Lamgang*
23 Bhalesi	63 Jaunsari	103 Lamongse*
24 Bharmauri	64 Juang	104 Langrong*
25 Bhumji	65 Kabui	105 Lepcha
26 Biete	66 Kachari	106 Lhota
27 Birhor*	67 Kanashi	107 Liangmai
28 Bishnupriya Manipuri Creole	68 Kangdi	108 Limbu
29 Bodo	69 Karbi	109 Lishpa
30 Bokar	70 Khamba	110 Luro*
31 Bori	71 Khampti	111 Mahasui
32 Brokshat	72 Kharia	112 Malto
33 Bunan	73 Khasali	113 Manchad
34 Byangsi	74 Kheza	114 Manda*
35 Chambeali	75 Khiamngan	115 Mandeali
36 Chang	76 Khoirao	116 Mao
37 Chokri	77 Khowa	117 Mara
38 Churahi	78 Kinnauri	118 Maram
39 Cuona Menba	79 Koch	119 Maring
40 Dakpa	80 Koda	120 Mech

121	Meithei	161	Sangtam
122	Miji	162	Sengmai
123	Miju	163	Sentilese*
124	Milang	164	Sherdukpen
125	Minyong	165	Sherpa
126	Mising	166	Shompen*
127	Mizo	167	Simi
128	Motuo Menba	168	Singpho
129	Moyon	169	Sirmaudi*
130	Mra*	170	Sora
131	Mundari	171	Spiti
132	Muot*	172	Sulung
133	Mzieme	173	Tagin
134	Na*	174	Tai Nora*
135	Nahali	175	Tai Phake
136	Naiki*	176	Tai Rong*
137	Nihali*	177	Takahanyilang*
138	Nocte	178	Tamang
139	Nruanghmei	179	Tangam*
140	Nyishi	180	Tangkhul
141	Onge*	181	Tangsa
142	Padam	182	Tarao*
143	Padri	183	Taruang
144	Paite	184	Thado
145	Pangvali*	185	Tinan
146	Parji*	186	Tiwa
147	Pasi	187	Toda*
148	Pengo*	188	Tolcha
149	Phom	189	Toto*
150	Pochuri	190	Tshangla
151	Pu*	191	Tulu
152	Purik	192	Turi
153	Purum*	193	Wancho
154	Rabha	194	Yimchungru
155	Rangkas	195	Zaiwa
156	Remo	196	Zangskari
157	Rengma	197	Zeme
158	Rongpo		
159	Ruga*		
160	Sanenyo*		

\* Languages classified as critically endangered

