

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3200
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2018

POPULARISING BHOJPURI LANGUAGE

3200. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any estimate regarding the number of Bhojpuri speakers around the world;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;
- (c) whether the Ministry has made any scheme to popularise Bhojpuri language in other countries and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details regarding the funds available for the same purpose and the details of programmes being executed for the aforesaid purpose?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI M.J. AKBAR]

(a) & (b) The estimated number of Bhojpuri speakers across the world is approximately 28.50 lakhs. Country-wise details are attached at Annexure-A.

(c) & (d) There is no such scheme.

ANNEXURE-A

Country-wise approximate breakup of Bhojpuri Speakers

1	Port Louis	410000
2	Niamey (Niger)	08
3	Kyiv	30
4	Maputo	30
5	The Hague (Netherland)	200000
6	Cameroon	25
7	Houston	200
8	Chiang Mai	10
9	Seychelles	50
10	Ervil, Kurdistan, Iraq	55
11	Suriname	237000
12	Lilongwe (Malawi)	50
13	(Nepal) Kathmandu	1584000
14	Doha, Qatar	20000
15	Buenos Aires	3200
16	Cambodia	450
17	Phuntsholing	125
18	Nigeria	420
19	Chad	25
20	Benin	15
21	Mozambique	20
22	Swaziland	10
23	Bahrain	12000
24	Oman (Muscat)	35000
25	Angola	50
26	Singapore	2320
27	Myanmar	300000
28	Mongolia	4
29	Australia	340
30	Scotland	200
