

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3242**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 07TH AUGUST, 2018/ SHRAVANA 16, 1940 (SAKA)

ENDANGERED LANGUAGES

3242. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the People's Linguistic Survey of India, 220 Indian languages have been lost in the last 50 years, with a further 197 languages categorised as endangered and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of endangered languages identified in Karnataka which are flagged for attention, region-wise; and

(c) the remedial action taken by the Government to ensure that these languages do not become extinct?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

(a) to (c): Madam, Office of the Registrar General, India (ORGI) conducts decadal Population Census wherein data on number of languages/mother tongues as spoken in the country are derived from the mother tongue returns. The Census data on languages/mother tongues are available on www.censusindia.gov.in. The ORGI does not prepare the list of endangered languages.
