

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 413**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.06.2019

**ENDANGERED TRIBAL LANGUAGES**

413. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified the endangered Tribal languages of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to promote the use of these tribal languages; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER TRIBAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) envisages to identify and enlist endangered tribal languages across the country in consultation with the State Governments / Union Territories (UTs) with a view to preserve and promote the same. Presently, MoTA extends support to State Governments / UTs for development of bilingual Primers under the Scheme 'Support to Tribal Research Institutes' for enhancement of learning achievement level amongst the Scheduled Tribe Students. So far 82 language primers have been developed by various State Governments as detailed below:

State	Primers Details	Language/tribe covered
Tripura	14 Primers	Kokborak, halam, Mog, Garo, Kuki, Mizo
Odisha	5 Primers	Juang, Kisan, Koya, Oram, Saora
Maharashtra	11 Primers	Gondi, Halbi, Kokni, Kolami, Korku, Madiya, Mavchi, Pardhi, Pawari, Thakri
Madhya Pradesh	15 Primers	Halbi, Kudhukh, Bhili, Gondi, Korku,
Kerala	6 Primers	Kattunaikan, Paniyan
Chhattisgarh	5 Primers	Kukudu, Praja, Halbi, Bharia
Jharkhand	5 Primers	Kukudu, Khadia, Khorat
Telangana	5 Primers	Gondi, Koya, Kolami, Kondh, Banjara
West Bengal	16 Primers	Olchiki, Kuduk

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