

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- †1730
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 13/02/2023

CLASSIFICATION OF LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY ST

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total population of tribals in the country, State and district-wise along with the names thereof;
- (b) the classification of languages spoken by Scheduled Tribes on regional basis;
- (c) whether the tribes of the country speak various languages which are not understood by other people of the country;
- (d) the types of languages spoken by the tribes of the country and the names and details thereof including the areas in which these languages are spoken; and
- (e) the number of languages of tribes which are on the verge of extinction?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

(a): The population of Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the country, as per Census 2011 is 10.45 crore. State / district wise population of Scheduled Tribes as per Census 2011 in India is given at **Annexure I**. Scheduled Tribe community wise population for States /districts in India is available at the link (<https://censusindia.gov.in/2011census/PCA/ST.html>) of the website of Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, India.

(b): According to Central Institute of Indian Languages(CIIL), Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education the languages spoken by the Scheduled Tribes (STs) are considered 'tribal languages'. The tribal languages can be categorized according to language family-wise, i.e. Indo-Aryan, Tibeto Burman, Austro-Asiatic, Dravidian & Andamanese and then State/UT-wise.

(c): As per Central Institute of Indian Languages, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, there is no information available in this regard.

(d): Census of India grouped Indian languages in five language families, namely; Indo-Aryan, Dravidian, Austro-Asiatic, Tibeto-Burmese, and Semito-Hemitic. As per Census 2011 data, there are 121 Scheduled and Non-Scheduled languages falling in the above five language families and 99.85 percent of the total population speak in these languages. Census 2011 ST-15 tables available in the link (<https://censusindia.gov.in/census.website/data/census-tables>) provide details of the mother tongues spoken by the Scheduled tribes in different States / UTs in the country . There are 71 important Mother Tongues (MTs) which are spoken by different major Scheduled tribes in the country.

(e): Ministry of Education, Government of India has initiated a Scheme known as “Scheme for Protection and Preservation of endangered languages of India” (SPPEL). Under this scheme, the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore is working on endangered languages. In the first Phase, 117 tribal languages are identified by them to work on languages which are roughly spoken by less than 10,000 speakers. However, these languages cannot be considered as "on the verge of extinction".

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. †1730 for 13.02.2023 by SHRI NABA KUMAR SARANIA regarding “Classification of Languages Spoken by ST”

State / District wise ST population in India

Sl. No.	State/UT/District	ST Population
1	JAMMU & KASHMIR	1493299
	Kupwara	70352
	Badgam	23912
	Leh(Ladakh)	95857
	Kargil	122336
	Punch	176101
	Rajouri	232815
	Kathua	53307
	Baramula	37705
	Bandipore	75374
	Srinagar	8935
	Ganderbal	61070
	Pulwama	22607
	Shupiyan	21820
	Anantnag	116006
	Kulgam	26525
	Doda	39216
	Ramban	39772
	Kishtwar	38149
	Udhampur	56309
Reasi	88365	
Jammu	69193	
Samba	17573	
2	HIMACHAL PRADESH	392126
	Chamba	135500
	Kangra	84564
	Lahul&Spiti	25707
	Kullu	16822
	Mandi	12787
	Hamirpur	3044
	Una	8601
	Bilaspur	10693
	Solan	25645
	Sirmaur	11262
	Shimla	8755
	Kinnaur	48746

Sl. No.	State/UT/District	ST Population
3	PUNJAB	NST
4	CHANDIGARH	NST
5	UTTARAKHAND	291903
	Uttarkashi	3512
	Chamoli	12260
	Rudraprayag	386
	Tehri Garhwal	875
	Dehradun	111663
	Garhwal	2215
	Pithoragarh	19535
	Bageshwar	1982
	Almora	1281
	Champawat	1339
	Nainital	7495
	Udham Singh Nagar	123037
	Hardwar	6323
6	HARYANA	NST
7	NCT OF DELHI	NST
8	RAJASTHAN	9238534
	Ganganagar	13477
	Hanumangarh	14289
	Bikaner	7779
	Churu	11245
	Jhunjhunun	41629
	Alwar	289249
	Bharatpur	54090
	Dhaulpur	58594
	Karauli	324960
	Sawai Madhopur	285848
	Dausa	433344
	Jaipur	527966
	Sikar	75349
	Nagaur	10418
	Jodhpur	118924
	Jaisalmer	42429
	Barmer	176257
	Jalor	178719
	Sirohi	292470
Pali	144578	
Ajmer	63482	

Sl. No.	State/UT/District	ST Population
	Tonk	178207
	Bundi	228549
	Bhilwara	229273
	Rajsamand	160809
	Dungarpur	983437
	Banswara	1372999
	Chittaurgarh	201546
	Kota	183816
	Baran	276857
	Jhalawar	182229
	Udaipur	1525289
	Pratapgarh	550427
	UTTAR PRADESH	1134273
	Saharanpur	980
	Muzaffarnagar	317
	Bijnor	3058
	Moradabad	685
	Rampur	358
	Jyotiba Phule Nagar	164
	Meerut	3390
	Baghpat	14
	Ghaziabad	3968
	Gautam Buddha Nagar	2215
	Bulandshahr	198
	Aligarh	629
	Mahamaya Nagar	268
9	Mathura	1520
	Agra	7255
	Firozabad	2565
	Mainpuri	478
	Budaun	58
	Bareilly	3227
	Pilibhit	1714
	Shahjahanpur	508
	Kheri	53375
	Sitapur	1602
	Hardoi	349
	Unnao	2926
	Lucknow	7506
	Rae Bareli	1756
	Farrukhabad	230
	Kannauj	15

Sl. No.	State/UT/District	ST Population
	Etawah	169
	Auraiya	150
	Kanpur Dehat	801
	Kanpur Nagar	3753
	Jalaun	832
	Jhansi	3873
	Lalitpur	71610
	Hamirpur	474
	Mahoba	647
	Banda	163
	Chitrakoot	366
	Fatehpur	340
	Pratapgarh	723
	Kaushambi	193
	Allahabad	7955
	Bara Banki	610
	Faizabad	931
	Ambedkar Nagar	746
	Sultanpur	696
	Bahraich	11159
	Shrawasti	5534
	Balrampur	24887
	Gonda	870
	Siddharthnagar	12021
	Basti	3620
	Sant Kabir Nagar	1593
	Mahrajganj	16435
	Gorakhpur	18172
	Kushinagar	80269
	Deoria	109894
	Azamgarh	9327
	Mau	22915
	Ballia	110114
	Jaunpur	4736
	Ghazipur	28712
	Chandauli	41725
	Varanasi	28617
	Sant Ravidas Nagar (Bhadohi)	1873
	Mirzapur	20132
	Sonbhadra	385018
	Etah	140
	Kanshiram Nagar	150

Sl. No.	State/UT/District	ST Population
10	BIHAR	1336573
	PashchimChamparan	250046
	PurbaChamparan	12461
	Sheohar	318
	Sitamarhi	2989
	Madhubani	3990
	Supaul	10168
	Araria	38848
	Kishanganj	64224
	Purnia	139490
	Katihar	179971
	Madhepura	12532
	Saharsa	6009
	Darbhanga	2772
	Muzaffarpur	5979
	Gopalganj	60807
	Siwan	87000
	Saran	36786
	Vaishali	2274
	Samastipur	1884
	Begusarai	1597
	Khagaria	675
	Bhagalpur	67180
	Banka	90432
	Munger	21404
	Lakhisarai	8333
	Sheikhpura	617
	Nalanda	1442
	Patna	9069
	Bhojpur	13977
	Buxar	26824
	Kaimur (Bhabua)	57981
Rohtas	31650	
Aurangabad	1033	
Gaya	3098	
Nawada	2045	
Jamui	78793	
Jehanabad	1285	
Arwal	590	
11	SIKKIM	206360
	North District	28715
	West District	57817

Sl. No.	State/UT/District	ST Population
	South District	41392
	East District	78436
	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	951821
	Tawang	34811
	West Kameng	46380
	East Kameng	72400
	Papum Pare	117216
	Upper Subansiri	78323
	West Siang	92783
	East Siang	69979
12	Upper Siang	28468
	Changlang	53878
	Tirap	98372
	Lower Subansiri	72911
	KurungKumey	90764
	Dibang Valley	5701
	Lower Dibang Valley	25974
	Lohit	47410
	Anjaw	16451
	NAGALAND	1710973
	Mon	238285
	Mokokchung	178431
	Zunheboto	136561
	Wokha	156621
13	Dimapur	223989
	Phek	157146
	Tuensang	190916
	Longleng	48615
	Kiphire	71429
	Kohima	224738
	Peren	84242
	MANIPUR	1167422
	Senapati	419210
	Tamenglong	134626
	Churachandpur	254787
14	Bishnupur	3287
	Thoubal	1808
	Imphal West	24161
	Imphal East	27657
	Ukhrul	173606
	Chandel	128280
15	MIZORAM	1036115

Sl. No.	State/UT/District	ST Population
	Mamit	82080
	Kolasib	73609
	Aizawl	373542
	Champhai	123466
	Serchhip	62889
	Lunglei	153533
	Lawngtlai	112354
	Saiha	54642
16	TRIPURA	1166813
	West Tripura	431944
	South Tripura	344835
	Dhalai	210608
	North Tripura	179426
17	MEGHALAYA	2555861
	West Garo Hills	474009
	East Garo Hills	305180
	South Garo Hills	134237
	West Khasi Hills	375097
	Ribhoi	230081
	East Khasi Hills	661158
	Jaintia Hills	376099
18	ASSAM	3884371
	Kokrajhar	278665
	Dhubri	6332
	Goalpara	231570
	Barpeta	27344
	Morigaon	136777
	Nagaon	115153
	Sonitpur	232207
	Lakhimpur	249426
	Dhemaji	325560
	Tinsukia	82066
	Dibrugarh	102871
	Sivasagar	49039
	Jorhat	139971
	Golaghat	111765
	Karbi Anglong	538738
	Dima Hasao	151843
	Cachar	17569
	Karimganj	1940
	Hailakandi	691
Bongaigaon	18835	

Sl. No.	State/UT/District	ST Population
	Chirang	178688
	Kamrup	182038
	Kamrup Metropolitan	75121
	Nalbari	23364
	Baksa	331007
	Darrang	8419
	Udalguri	267372
19	WEST BENGAL	5296953
	Darjiling	397389
	Jalpaiguri	731704
	Koch Bihar	18125
	Uttar Dinajpur	162816
	Dakshin Dinajpur	275366
	Maldah	313984
	Murshidabad	91035
	Birbhum	242484
	Barddhaman	489447
	Nadia	140700
	North Twenty Four Parganas	264597
	Hugli	229243
	Bankura	368690
	Puruliya	540652
	Haora	15094
	Kolkata	10684
South Twenty Four Parganas	96976	
Paschim Medinipur	880015	
Purba Medinipur	27952	
20	JHARKHAND	8645042
	Garhwa	205874
	Chatra	45563
	Kodarma	6903
	Giridih	238188
	Deoghar	180962
	Godda	279208
	Sahibganj	308343
	Pakur	379054
	Dhanbad	233119
	Bokaro	255626
	Lohardaga	262734
	PurbiSinghbhum	653923
	Palamu	181208
	Latehar	331096

Sl. No.	State/UT/District	ST Population
	Hazaribagh	121768
	Ramgarh	201166
	Dumka	571077
	Jamtara	240489
	Ranchi	1042016
	Khunti	389626
	Gumla	706754
	Simdega	424407
	PashchimiSinghbhum	1011296
	Saraikela-Kharsawan	374642
21	ODISHA	9590756
	Bargarh	281135
	Jharsuguda	176758
	Sambalpur	355261
	Debagarh	110400
	Sundargarh	1062349
	Kendujhar	818878
	Mayurbhanj	1479576
	Baleshwar	275678
	Bhadrak	30428
	Kendrapara	9484
	Jagatsinghapur	7862
	Cuttack	93745
	Jajapur	151432
	Dhenkanal	162056
	Anugul	179603
	Nayagarh	58691
	Khordha	115051
	Puri	6129
	Ganjam	118928
	Gajapati	313714
	Kandhamal	392820
	Baudh	55364
	Subarnapur	57192
	Balangir	347164
	Nuapada	206327
	Kalahandi	449456
Rayagada	541905	
Nabarangapur	681173	
Koraput	697583	
Malkangiri	354614	
22	CHHATTISGARH	7822902

Sl. No.	State/UT/District	ST Population
	Koriya	304280
	Surguja	1300628
	Jashpur	530378
	Raigarh	505609
	Korba	493559
	Janjgir - Champa	187196
	Bilaspur	498469
	Kabeerdham	167043
	Rajnandgaon	405194
	Durg	397416
	Raipur	476446
	Mahasamund	279896
	Dhamtari	207633
	Uttar BastarKanker	414770
	Bastar	931780
	Narayanpur	108161
	Dakshin Bastar Dantewada	410255
	Bijapur	204189
	23	MADHYA PRADESH
Sheopur		161448
Morena		17030
Bhind		6131
Gwalior		72133
Datia		15061
Shivpuri		227802
Tikamgarh		67857
Chhatarpur		73597
Panna		170879
Sagar		221936
Damoh		166295
Satna		319975
Rewa		311985
Umaria		300687
Neemuch		71441
Mandsaur		33092
Ratlam		409865
Ujjain		48730
Shajapur		37836
Dewas		272701
Dhar		1222814
Indore		217679
Khargone (West Nimar)	730169	

Sl. No.	State/UT/District	ST Population
	Barwani	962145
	Rajgarh	53751
	Vidisha	67603
	Bhopal	69429
	Sehore	145512
	Raisen	205006
	Betul	667018
	Harda	159678
	Hoshangabad	197300
	Katni	317699
	Jabalpur	375231
	Narsimhapur	145879
	Dindori	455789
	Mandla	610528
	Chhindwara	769778
	Seoni	519856
	Balaghat	383026
	Guna	190819
	Ashoknagar	82072
	Shahdol	476008
	Anuppur	358543
	Sidhi	313304
	Singrauli	383994
	Jhabua	891818
Alirajpur	648638	
Khandwa (East Nimar)	459122	
Burhanpur	230095	
24	GUJARAT	8917174
	Kachchh	24228
	Banas Kantha	284155
	Patan	13303
	Mahesana	9392
	Sabar Kantha	542156
	Gandhinagar	18204
	Ahmadabad	89138
	Surendranagar	21453
	Rajkot	24017
	Jamnagar	24187
	Porbandar	13039
	Junagadh	55571
	Amreli	7322
	Bhavnagar	9110

Sl. No.	State/UT/District	ST Population
	Anand	24824
	Kheda	40336
	Panch Mahals	721604
	Dohad	1580850
	Vadodara	1149901
	Narmada	481392
	Bharuch	488194
	The Dangs	216073
	Navsari	639659
	Valsad	902794
	Surat	856952
	Tapi	679320
25	DAMAN & DIU	15363
	Diu	123
	Daman	15240
26	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	178564
	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	178564
27	MAHARASHTRA	10510213
	Nandurbar	1141933
	Dhule	647315
	Jalgaon	604367
	Buldana	124837
	Akola	100280
	Washim	80471
	Amravati	404128
	Wardha	149507
	Nagpur	437571
	Bhandara	88886
	Gondiya	214253
	Gadchiroli	415306
	Chandrapur	389441
	Yavatmal	514057
	Nanded	281695
	Hingoli	111954
	Parbhani	40514
	Jalna	42263
	Aurangabad	143366
Nashik	1564369	
Thane	1542451	
Mumbai Suburban	104560	
Mumbai	25093	
Raigarh	305125	

Sl. No.	State/UT/District	ST Population
	Pune	348876
	Ahmadnagar	378230
	Bid	32722
	Latur	57488
	Osmanabad	36039
	Solapur	77592
	Satara	29635
	Ratnagiri	20374
	Sindhudurg	6976
	Kolhapur	30206
	Sangli	18333
28	ANDHRA PRADESH	5918073
	Adilabad	495794
	Nizamabad	192941
	Karimnagar	106745
	Medak	168985
	Hyderabad	48937
	Rangareddy	218757
	Mahbubnagar	364269
	Nalgonda	394279
	Warangal	530656
	Khammam	765565
	Srikakulam	166118
	Vizianagaram	235556
	Visakhapatnam	618500
	East Godavari	213195
	West Godavari	109072
	Krishna	132464
	Guntur	247089
	Prakasam	151145
	Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore	285997
Y.S.R.	75886	
Kurnool	82831	
Anantapur	154127	
Chittoor	159165	
29	KARNATAKA	4248987
	Belgaum	297198
	Bagalkot	97203
	Bijapur	39314
	Bidar	235822
	Raichur	367071
	Koppal	164271

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	Gadag	61654
	Dharwad	87548
	Uttara Kannada	34239
	Haveri	141380
	Bellary	451406
	Chitradurga	302554
	Davanagere	233112
	Shimoga	65412
	Udupi	52897
	Chikmagalur	44970
	Tumkur	209559
	Bangalore	190239
	Mandya	22402
	Hassan	32329
	Dakshina Kannada	82268
	Kodagu	58054
	Mysore	334547
	Chamarajanagar	120219
	Gulbarga	65259
	Yadgir	146849
Kolar	78875	
Chikkaballapura	156487	
Bangalore Rural	52903	
Ramanagara	22946	
30	GOA	149275
	North Goa	56606
	South Goa	92669
31	LAKSHADWEEP	61120
	Lakshadweep	61120
32	KERALA	484839
	Kasaragod	48857
	Kannur	41371
	Wayanad	151443
	Kozhikode	15228
	Malappuram	22990
	Palakkad	48972
	Thrissur	9430
	Ernakulam	16559
	Idukki	55815
	Kottayam	21972
	Alappuzha	6574
	Pathanamthitta	8108

Sl. No.	State/UT/District	ST Population
	Kollam	10761
	Thiruvananthapuram	26759
	TAMIL NADU	794697
	Thiruvallur	47243
	Chennai	10061
	Kancheepuram	41210
	Vellore	72955
	Tiruvannamalai	90954
	Viluppuram	74859
	Salem	119369
	Namakkal	57059
	Erode	21880
	The Nilgiris	32813
	Dindigul	8064
	Karur	575
	Tiruchirappalli	18198
	Perambalur	2584
33	Ariyalur	10722
	Cuddalore	15702
	Nagapattinam	3756
	Thiruvarur	3034
	Thanjavur	3561
	Pudukkottai	1283
	Sivaganga	790
	Madurai	11096
	Theni	1835
	Virudhunagar	2294
	Ramanathapuram	1105
	Thoothukkudi	4911
	Tirunelveli	10270
	Kanniyakumari	7282
	Dharmapuri	63044
	Krishnagiri	22388
	Coimbatore	28342
	Tiruppur	5458
34	PUDUCHERRY	NST
	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	28530
35	Nicobars	23681
	North & Middle Andaman	758
	South Andaman	4091

Source: Census 2011, Office of the Registrar General, India
NST: No notified Scheduled Tribes (as in 2011)
