

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4493**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023/ CHAITRA 7, 1945 (SAKA)**

**INCLUSION OF TULU AND GORBOLI LANGUAGES IN EIGHTH SCHEDULE**

**4493. DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Government has any proposal to include Tulu and Gorboli (Banjara) languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**

**(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote Tulu and Gorboli languages in the country during the last three years;**

**(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**

**(e) whether the Government is aware that Gorboli (Banjara) languages which is been spoken by more than 10 crore people of the country is at the verge of extinction due to non-existence of script; and**

**(f) if so, the details thereof along with the measure have been taken by the Government to prepare the script of Gorboli and Tulu languages?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

**(a) and (b): There have been demands from time to time for inclusion of several Indian languages in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution including Tulu. However, there are no fixed criteria for consideration of any language for inclusion in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. The attempt to fix such criteria through Pahwa and Sitakant Mohapatra**

**Committees have remained inconclusive. As the evolution of dialects and languages is a dynamic process, influenced by socio-cultural, economic and political developments, it is difficult to fix any criterion for inclusion of languages in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. The Government is conscious of the sentiments and requirements for inclusion of other languages in the Eighth Schedule. Such requests have to be considered keeping in mind these sentiments, and the other relevant considerations.**

**(c) to (f): Government of India has established Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru which works for the promotion of all Indian languages. Under its Bharatavani project, CIIL is working on 121 languages of India by digitizing the knowledge text available in these languages. Government of Karnataka with the help of CIIL has taken steps to protect Tulu script, including recognition by the Unicode consortium. Further, in the case of Gorboli, where script is not available Devanagri script may be used for writing.**

**As per available information in the 2001 census report, the total population speaking Gorboli/Goru/Gorwani language as their mother tongue was less than 10,000 and in the 2011 census report it has increased to 50,259 persons.**

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