

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4212
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021**

Endangered languages

4212. SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the preservation of endangered languages;
- (b) whether the Government is taking any steps to provide education in these languages for the Communities;
- (c) the details of languages currently being documented under the scheme for Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages (SPPEL) including number of speakers of each language;
- (d) whether the Government has any plans to increase the number of languages being documented under the scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) to (e): The policy of the Government is to promote all Indian Languages including endangered languages. The 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 works on protection, preservation and documentation of all the mother tongues/languages of India spoken by less than 10,000 people which are called endangered languages. In the first phase of the scheme, 117 endangered languages/mother tongues have been chosen from all over India for

study and documentation on a priority basis. Details of the languages is given in Annexure. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has also initiated two schemes for protection of endangered languages, namely 'Funding Support to the State Universities for Study and Research in Indigenous and Endangered languages in India' and 'Establishment of Centres for Endangered Languages in Central Universities'.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4212 ASKED BY SHRI UTTAM KUMAR REDDY NALAMADA, HON'BLE M.P FOR 22.03.2021 REGARDING ENDANGERED LANGUAGES

S. No.	Name of Language/Mother Tongue	S. No.	Name of Language/Mother Tongue	S. No.	Name of Language/Mother Tongue
1	LAMONGSE	40	MARA	79	KHANA
2	LURO	41	AIMOL	80	BHADRALIAM
3	MUOT	42	ATONG	81	KHASHA
4	ONGE	43	GURUNG	82	MESHABI
5	PU	44	KHAMBA	83	PADDARI
6	SANENYO	45	DIRANG MONPA	84	TEHGUL
7	SENTILESE	46	KHAMPTI	85	GOJAPURI
8	SHOMPEN	47	PURUM	86	HASSADI
9	TAKAHANYILANG	48	UCHAI	87	BALASTIN
10	THARUA	49	NEWARI	88	BATERI
11	BHUNJIA	50	BAWM	89	DARGARI
12	BODO GADABA/ GUTOB	51	RALTE	90	KUSHWAHI
13	DHIMAL	52	THAPA	91	MASIDI
14	MRU	53	BAGI	92	SIAN
15	MANDA	54	CHINZ / ZYPHE	93	MANNAN
16	BIRHOR	55	CHOTHE	94	KANIKER GOTTI
17	HOLIYA	56	KAGATE	95	PULIYA
18	BINJHIA/BIRJIA/BRIJIA	57	KAMI / KHAMI	96	SIDDI
19	TOTO	58	KOIRENG	97	KADAR
20	DIDAYI / GATA	59	KONGBO	98	MOOPAN
21	GORUM	60	LANGANG	99	MUDUGA
22	THOTI	61	MOYON	100	SOLIGA
23	BONDO	62	MUKHIYA/ SUNUWAR	101	HAKKIPIKKI
24	PARENGA	63	NEWAR / PRADHAN	102	MALAIMALASAR
25	NAA	64	PUROIK / SULUNG	103	ARANDAN
26	TANGAM	65	TARAO	104	KUTIYA
27	KHAMIYANG	66	YOBIN/YOBIN LIJU	105	URALI
28	SINGPHO	67	ZAKHRING	106	MUDUVAN
29	SHERDUKPEN	68	JANGSHUNG	107	PALIYA
30	MEYOR /ZAKHRING	69	GAHRI	108	MALAYAN
31	RANGLONG	70	SPITI	109	MALASAR
32	BAITE/ BIATE	71	CHINALI	110	JENU KURUMBA
33	BANGRO	72	DARMIYA	111	TODA
34	CHIRU	73	JAD	112	ERAVALLAN
35	DARLONG	74	KANASHI / MALANI	113	BHARWAD/BHARWADI
36	LIJU	75	JANGALI/ RAJI	114	BARADI
37	PHAKIAL	76	RONGPO	115	NIHALI
38	KOMKAR	77	SIRAM	116	BHALA
39	SIMONG	78	BEDA	117	Divehi