

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4230**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021

**TRIBAL LANGUAGES IN TELANGANA**

4230. DR. G. RANJITH REDDY:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: -

(a) whether it is true that tribal languages such as Gondi, Koya, Kolmi, Kondh and Banjara in Telangana are endangered;

(b) If so, the details of efforts is made by the Government to protect the above five tribal languages from Telangana?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) Out of the 5 stated tribal languages, Gondi is the endangered language according to UNESCO list.

(b) Government of Telangana has taken following efforts to protect and preserve the Tribal Languages.

1. Published Primers in Koya, Lambadis, Gondi and Kolami Languages.
2. Published Varnamala\, Local Rhymes and Local Stories in tribal languages as well as in Telugu.
3. Undertaken development of Mother Tongue Based Multilingual Education (MTBMLE) programme to impart education to tribal children of classes I, II in their mother tongue as prescribed in Right to Education Act, 2009 and New Education Policy, 2020.

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