

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.112
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2021**

Preservation of Languages

***112. SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that India, with 197 endangered languages, tops the list in UNESCO Atlas of the World's Languages in Danger (2010) and around 100 of these 197 endangered languages are from tribal areas of the North Eastern Region of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the measures taken/being taken by the Government for the preservation and revitalization of indigenous languages;
- (c) whether the language policy under the New Education Policy, 2020 facilitates the education to tribal communities in their mother tongue; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA
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SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN, HON'BLE M.P. REGARDING "Preservation of
Languages"**

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The policy of the Government of India is to promote all Indian Languages including endangered languages, and languages of North Eastern Region. The Government of India has initiated a Scheme for Protection and Preservation of Endangered Languages of India. 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 speakers. The scheme currently covers 117 languages. The list is at Annexure. The University Grants Commission 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.

(c) & (d): Yes Sir. National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 provides, wherever possible, for medium of instruction to be in the home language/ mother tongue/ local language upto at least class 5 and preferably upto class 8. The policy also provides for making available high quality text books in home language/ mother tongue and encouraging teachers to use bilingual approach while teaching. In addition to this, it provides for more Higher Educational Institutions (HEI) and more programmes in Higher Education to use the mother tongue/local language as a medium of instruction and/or offer programmes bilingually.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) and (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.112 ASKED BY SHRI THOMAS CHAZHIKADAN, HON'BLE M.P FOR 6.12.2021 REGARDING "Preservation of Languages"

No.	Name of Language/Mother Tongue	No.	Name of Language/Mother Tongue	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	LAMGANG	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

