

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2431**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH AUGUST, 2024/ SHRAVAN 15, 1946 (SAKA)

INCLUSION OF TULU LANGUAGE IN THE EIGHTH SCHEDULE

2431 SHRI CAPTAIN BRIJESH CHOWTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the people of Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Kasaragod have demanded that Tulu language be included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution and if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to include more languages in the Eighth Schedule;

(c) whether there is any procedure for any language to be included under Eighth Schedule of Constitution of India, if so, complete details thereof; and

(d) what efforts are taken for consideration of the requests for more linguistic inclusion under Eighth Schedule, keeping in mind the sentiments and the other relevant considerations since the Pahwa (1996) and Sitakant Mohapatra (2003) Committee efforts?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): A total of 22 languages of India are included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India. There have been demands from time to time for inclusion of several 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. 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 languages for inclusion in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. The earlier attempts, through the Pahwa (1996) and Sitakant Mohapatra (2003) Committees, to evolve such fixed criteria have been inconclusive. 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.
