

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4575
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025)**

BHASHASETU

4575: SHRI KHAGEN MURMU

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a). The objectives behind launching the “BhashaSetu: Real-Time Language Tech for Bharat” challenge under the WaveX accelerator in June 2025;
- (b). The list of Indian Languages included in the challenge;
- (c). The details of the plans to expand beyond the initial twelve languages;
- (d). The types of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies being developed; and
- (e). Whether open-source or proprietary models are being used and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
(DR. L. MURUGAN)**

(a) to (e):

The objective of the ‘BhashaSetu’ challenge is to use the latest technology for translation of content in various Indian languages. It aims to promote startups leveraging artificial intelligence and machine learning to develop real-time translation solutions for Indian languages.

The technology proposed to be developed through this challenge shall include 12 languages viz. Assamese, Bangla, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Hindi, Oriya, Punjabi, Telugu, Tamil and Urdu.

It will be developed to be scalable and modular, with the capability to integrate 10 additional languages-Kashmiri, Konkani, Manipuri, Nepali, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Bodo, Santhali, Maithili and Dogri.
