

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 213
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.7.2016

PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED LANGUAGES

213. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has noticed that a large number of languages have gone extinct in the country since the time of independence, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;
- b) whether United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has found there are 197 endangered languages in the country with 42 classified as critically endangered which are included in the list Nihali, traced to the pre-Aryan and pre-munda period, if so, the details thereof; and
- c) the steps taken by the Government to protect all languages in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI. PRAKASH JVADEKAR)

- (a) Yes, Madam. The Government is aware that a few languages have become extinct since independence. These languages became extinct because either the speakers of these languages died or there are no first language speakers left.
- (b) The information of 197 endangered languages and 42 critically endangered languages of that list, as classified by UNESCO, is at annexure.
- (c) The Government of India has initiated a Scheme known as “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. The Government has also initiated a Project known as Bharatavani implemented by the CIIL for all languages, especially the languages spoken by more than ten thousand persons, in the cyberspace. This Project aims to build a searchable knowledge repository in and about all the languages in India in multimedia (text, audio, video, images) formats through an online portal.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO REPLY TO PART (b) of LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 213 ASKED BY SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA FOR 18.07.2016 REGARDING PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED LANGUAGES

1 A'tong	41 Darma	81 Kodagu
2 Adi	42 Deori	82 Koirang
3 Ahom	43 Dimasa	83 Kokborok
4 Aimol	44 Gadaba	84 Kolami
5 Aiton	45 Galo	85 Kom
6 Aka	46 Gangte	86 Konda
7 Aka	47 Garhwali	87 Konyak
8 Anal	48 Geta?	88 Koraga
9 Andro	49 Gondi	89 Korku
10 Angami	50 Gorum	90 Koro
11 Angika	51 Great Andamanese	91 Korwa
12 Ao	52 Gutob	92 Kota
13 Apatani	53 Handuri	93 Kui
14 Asur	54 Hill Miri	94 Kului
15 Badaga	55 Hmar	95 Kumaoni
16 Baghati	56 Ho	96 Kundal Shahi
17 Balti	57 Hrangkhol	97 Kurru
18 Bangani	58 Idu	98 Kuruba
19 Bangni	59 Irula	99 Kurux
20 Bawm	60 Jad	100 Kuvi
21 Bellari	61 Jangshung	101 Ladakhi
22 Bhadravahi	62 Jarawa	102 Lamgang
23 Bhalesi	63 Jaunsari	103 Lamongse
24 Bharmauri	64 Juang	104 Langrong
25 Bhumji	65 Kabui	105 Lepcha
26 Biete	66 Kachari	106 Lhota
27 Birhor	67 Kanashi	107 Liangmai
28 Bishnupriya Manipuri Creole	68 Kangdi	108 Limbu
29 Bodo	69 Karbi	109 Lishpa
30 Bokar	70 Khamba	110 Luro
31 Bori	71 Khampti	111 Mahasui
32 Brokshat	72 Kharia	112 Malto
33 Bunan	73 Khasali	113 Manchad
34 Byangsi	74 Kheza	114 Manda
35 Chambeali	75 Khiamngan	115 Mandeali
36 Chang	76 Khoirao	116 Mao
37 Chokri	77 Khowa	117 Mara
38 Churahi	78 Kinnauri	118 Maram
39 Cuona Menba	79 Koch	119 Maring
40 Dakpa	80 Koda	120 Mech

121	Meithei	161	Sangtam
122	Miji	162	Sengmai
123	Miju	163	Sentilese
124	Milang	164	Sherdukpen
125	Minyong	165	Sherpa
126	Mising	166	Shompen
127	Mizo	167	Simi
128	Motuo Menba	168	Singpho
129	Moyon	169	Sirmaudi
130	Mra	170	Sora
131	Mundari	171	Spiti
132	Muot	172	Sulung
133	Mzieme	173	Tagin
134	Na	174	Tai Nora
135	Nahali	175	Tai Phake
136	Naiki	176	Tai Rong
137	Nihali	177	Takahanyilang
138	Nocte	178	Tamang
139	Nruanghmei	179	Tangam
140	Nyishi	180	Tangkhul
141	Onge	181	Tangsa
142	Padam	182	Tarao
143	Padri	183	Taruang
144	Paite	184	Thado
145	Pangvali	185	Tinan
146	Parji	186	Tiwa
147	Pasi	187	Toda
148	Pengo	188	Tolcha
149	Phom	189	Toto
150	Pochuri	190	Tshangla
151	Pu	191	Tulu
152	Purik	192	Turi
153	Purum	193	Wancho
154	Rabha	194	Yimchungru
155	Rangkas	195	Zaiwa
156	Remo	196	Zangskari
157	Rengma	197	Zeme
158	Rongpo		
159	Ruga		
160	Sanenyo		