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Title: Regarding setting up of a Santhali channel in Doordarshan.

SHRI KUNAR HEMBRAM (JHARGRAM): Madam, Santhali is the oldest language in the country. There are more than one crore people in West Bengal, Jharkhand, Assam, Odisha, Bihar and Tripura who speak Santhali language. This language has been included in the 8th Schedule to the Constitution of India in 2003.

To share important information, entertainment, news etc. in any language, television has a great role to play. Santhali speaking people have a long pending demand to introduce Santhali channel in Doordarshan.

So, it is my appeal to the concerned Minister to introduce a Santhali channel in Doordarshan at the earliest.