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Title: Regarding the inclusion of Maithili as as elective language at secondary level by the NCT of Delhi.

***SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR (DARBHANGA):** Hon. Speaker Sir, I want to draw your attention towards an important issue. Sir, Delhi Government had announced that Maithili would be included in curriculum as one of the subjects being studied at secondary schools. So many months have lapsed, but no notification has been issued by the said Government. Through you, Sir, I demand from the Government of NCT Delhi to issue notification for inclusion of Maithili as an elective subject at secondary level. Sir, since last five days, agitators are staging hunger-strike at Jantar-mantar; because the entire community speaking the language feel betrayed and discriminated against. Keeping in view the ensuring election, the Chief Minister concerned is making misleading announcements. Maithili was included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India during Hon. Atul Bihari Vajpayee's tenure for sake of Maithilis. Furthermore, the ruling Jharkhand Government of our party has also declared the inclusion of Maithili as a second state language there. I would like to plead through you that the Government of NCT Delhi be instructed to include Maithili as the second language in the capital. Simultaneously the Government should take cognizance and take adequate measures to save the lives of people staging hunger-strike and to solve the problem being faced by them. Thank you, Chairman, Sir.