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Title: Request to set up a seperate board for Santhali medium schools.

SHRI KUNAR HEMBRAM (JHARGRAM): Sir, Santhal people are mainly inhabited in Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Tripura and West Bengal. They are scattered almost in every State in the country including the NCT of Delhi. Santhals are also living in our neighbouring counties like Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar. More than one crore people speak Santhali language in India. The language was included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution in 2003. Santhali has been taught from primary level to university level in West Bengal since 2008 under the State Education Board.

There are 40 Santhali medium high schools and 45 colleges teaching Santhali language in West Bengal. However, there is no separate Board for Santhali language schools. So, I would request the Minister concerned to set up a separate Board for Santhali medium schools. Thank you.