

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Request the Government of India to and replace the Bengali script with the Meitei script, of Manipuri language so that Manipuri script may be printed on the Indian currency notes. and to declare Manipuri as a classical language.

DR. R.K. RANJAN (INNER MANIPUR): Thank you, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to raise an important issue pertaining to my mother tongue Manipuri. I may be permitted to speak in Manipuri also as I have already requested.

..... In the year 1992, Manipuri Language was included in the Eight Schedule of the Constitution with the script of Bengali.

But now, after 20 years, we have learned our old script. A newspaper is being published and all the textbooks are transcribed into Meitei script. I, therefore, would request the Government of India to make a small amendment in the Indian Constitution and replace the Bengali script with the Meitei script, the script for Manipuri language so that Manipuri script may be printed on the Indian currency notes. Also, our language is about 3,000 years old and, therefore, it may be declared as a classical language of India. Thank you.*