

**Title: Re: Inclusion of Sambalpuri language in the
Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.**

SHRI SURESH PUJARI (BARGARH): I express my gratitude to the Hon?ble Prime Minister and Hon?ble Home Minister for nominating four Odias for Padma Awards, including Sushree Krishna Patel, a famous Sambalpuri Singer. She was famous for singing the evergreen Sambalpuri Song, ?The Rangbati Rangbati?.

Earlier, the other singer of the song Sri Jeetendra Haripal, its creator and Composer Sri Mitrabhanu Gountia were conferred with Padma Shree Award. Another Sambalpuri Language expert, Writer, and Poet Sri Haladar Nag, famously known as ?Lok Kabi? was also conferred Padma Shree, which practically recognized the age-old language, Sambalpuri. That apart, Sambalpuri Language has its own separate Grammar, literature, Songs, Music, Drama, and Cinema.

Recently, Sambalpuri Kosali Film, ?Sala Budha? or the ?The Stupid Man? directed by Sri Sabyasachi Mahapatra won awards in several categories at Odisha State Film Award including Best Film and Best Director.

That apart, many famous books have been written by famous writers including the epic ?Ramayana? and the ?Mahabharat? as well as the ?Srimad Bhagwat Gita?.

Now, the time has come to include the language in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.

So, I request the Hon?ble Home Minister to kindly include the Sambalpuri Language in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.