

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3709
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INCLUSION OF BHOTE LANGUAGE IN TH SCHEDULE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal/demand for the inclusion of `Bhote` language in 8th Schedule of the Constitution; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir.

A Committee was set up under Shri Sitakant Mohapatra to evolve a set of objective criteria for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule. The Committee has submitted its report and made certain recommendations. A decision on the pending demands for inclusion of languages in the Eighth Schedule, including Bhoti, will be taken in the light of the recommendations of the Committee. A decision on the subject involves careful consideration of the issues involved and no time frame can be indicated at this stage.