

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LANGUAGES IN CURRENCY NOTES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all the languages included in the VIIIth Schedule of the Constitution appear on the Indian currency Notes;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has plans to include the languages in the VIIIth Schedule of the Constitution in the Indian Currency Notes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (d): No, Sir. Out of 22 languages in VIIIth Schedule of the Constitution, 15 languages have been included in the language panel of the banknotes, apart from Hindi which is displayed prominently on all denomination of banknotes.

Incorporation of languages in the language panel of the banknotes is a part of design of the banknotes which is changed every 7-8 years and updated from time to time taking into consideration space constraints.