

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria laid down to declare a language as an official language; and
- (b) the number of languages which have been given the status of official language in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

- (a): According to Article 343(1) of the Constitution of India, only Hindi is official language of the Union. No criteria has been laid down to declare any other language as the official language of the Union.
- (b): Except Hindi language, no other language has been given the status of the official language of the Union.