

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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BHARAT BHASHA VIKAS YOJANA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of languages spoken in the country:

(b) whether the Government has formulated a new scheme "Bharat BhashaVikasYojana" for preservation of several Indian languages which are on the verge of extinction in the country; and

(c)if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): As per the Census of India 2001, there are 22 Scheduled languages and 100 Non-Scheduled languages having altogether 234 listed mother tongues. As per the Census policy, only those mother tongues are listed which are returned by more than ten thousand people.

(b)& (c): The Draft Scheme called the Bharat BhashaVikasYojana was prepared by the Ministry of Human Resource Development for the development and preservation of 100 non-scheduled languages. The Scheme could not be finalised as the information sought from the States/UTs concerned have not been furnished by them. A decision on taking forward the aforesaid draft Scheme would depend upon the responses received from the States/UTs.