

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

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PRESERVATION OF ENDANGERED LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to preserve the endangered languages facing the threat of extinction in the North Eastern Region, especially in the State of Arunachal Pradesh ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(DR.SHASHI THAROOR)

(a): The Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore, a subordinate office of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India is mandated as the apex body to help in evolving and implementing the language policy of the Government of India and to assist and advise the State Governments on matters of language and also to implement projects/schemes for the promotion of Indian languages including the endangered languages. The Institute has two projects, namely Dimensions of Language Endangerment and North Eastern Language Development which work on the protection and preservation of languages of Arunachal Pradesh. Languages covered by CIIL under these two projects are Adi, Ao, Aka-Kora, Apatani, Chin, Deori, Galo, Idu, Khampti, Kharam, Khowa, Koirang, Methei, Milang, Miri/Mishing, Miji, Monpa, Motuo Menba, Nocte, Nyishi, Padam, Sherdukpen, Tangsa, Tani, Tedium, Thadou, Tutso, Vaiphei, Wancho. Work undertaken by the Institute on these languages includes Grammatical Analysis, Pictorial Glossary, Dictionary, Folklore, Socio Cultural Study, Phonology, Primers, Web Materials, Script, etc.