

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

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SURVEY ON INDIAN LANGUAGES DIALECTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct a national survey of Indian languages and dialects to ascertain their degree of endangerment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to preserve and maintain these languages and dialects?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs is the authority competent to undertake such a survey.

(c): The Central Institute of Indian Languages (CILL), Mysore, a subordinate office of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, was set up in the year 1969 to coordinate the protection, preservation and development of all Indian languages, including non-scheduled languages. CILL is actively engaged in the preservation and development of all Indian languages including non-scheduled languages and languages of Scheduled Tribes through its various programmes and schemes.