

Title: Need to include Tulu language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

SHRI VINAY KUMAR SORAKE (UDUPI): Thank you Mr. Speaker, Sir, for your kind permission. I would like to say that there is a persistent demand from a large number of population living in *Dakshin Kannada* region, parts of *Kodagu* tract and parts of *Kasargod* district of Kerala, for due recognition of Tulu language spoken by them and for its inclusion in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India.

Tulu is rich in classical lore and is the long-used medium for art, music and theatre in the region like *Yakshagana*. It is truly called a heritage treasure of the region. Tulu needs to be promoted and given recognition by the Centre by including it in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India. Even languages like Sindhi, Nepali and Manipuri, spoken by much less number of people, have found their way into the Eighth Schedule.

According to 2001 census, Tulu speaking population has crossed the 35-lakh mark and thus needs due recognition by the Centre.