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

SHRI CHHEWANG THUPSTAN (LADAKH): The Bhoti language and its script is the connecting medium for all the people inhabiting the Himalayan region from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh constituting about sixteen million people. The history of Bhoti language goes back to 7<sup>th</sup> century with a very rich literature work available on Poetry, Drama, Grammar, Astrology and Medical Sciences like Ayurveda, Logic, Philosophy, Arts, Religion and Culture etc. The Bhoti language and its culture also forms one aspect of the great Indian cultural heritage. At international level also the Bhoti language has been used in classical form for speaking and writing in Bhutan, Nepal, Mongolia, Tibet and entire Central Asia. The Bhoti language is link and cultural language of Ladakh, Spiti, Kinnaur, Uttar Kashi, Sikkim, Kalimpong, Darjeeling, Arunachal and the entire Himalayan range of India. It has immense influence on the life of people of the Himalayan region and that is its cultural lifeline. Considering the rich history and heritage of the language and influence of Bhoti impacting a large population of Himalayan region of our country, it would be appropriate and apt to grant recognition to the language in our constitution by including it in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.

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सभापति महोदय: अब हम कार्य-सूची की मद संख्या 22 लेते हैं। श्री संतो मोहन देव।

...(व्यवधान)...

सभापति महोदय : अब वह बात खत्म हो गई है।

...(व्यवधान)...

सभापति महोदय : अब आप बैठें। आप वरिष्ठ नेता हैं। कोई भी बात रिकार्ड पर नहीं जा रही है। आप क्यों हल्ला कर रहे हैं?

*(Interruptions) \**

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): All the assurances that the UPA gave to the nation shall be complied with before the term is over... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (BANKURA): Sir, this not a proper response from the Minister... (*Interruptions*)

सभापति महोदय : अब कोई बात नहीं। मैंने संतो मोहन देव जी को बुलाया है। अब आप बैठिये।