Title: Need to pass a resolution to include Hindi as one of the official languages at United Nations.

SHRIMATI JHANSI LAKSHMI BOTCHA (BOBBILI): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I thank you very much for permitting me to raise the issue of making Hindi an UN language.

Sir, a few people are aware that our national language, namely, Hindi is spoken by the largest number of people in the world after the Chinese language. The UN already has six official languages including English, French, Chinese, Russian, Spanish and Arabic. But India has not found any representation even though it is the largest democracy in the world. There is no doubt that Hindi is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world. It would be very encouraging if Hindi becomes one of the official UN languages. If Hindi is included, then it will symbolize the recognition of India as a world power. This will surely contribute towards more job opportunities for Indians in the UN.

India is one of the most ancient civilizations of the world. All sciences originated from the Vedas. Hence, India has contributed a lot to the world. Besides, Hindi has similarity with most of the European languages, especially, German. Bill Gates is also trying to develop software on competition linguistics, which in turn will pave way for Hindi being used for working on computers.

Hindi has originated from Sanskrit, and it is one of the oldest languages of the world. Why has it been overlooked? The maximum number of people in the world speak Hindi after the Chinese language. I feel that if Chinese can be included in the official languages of the UN, then Hindi also should be included in it. The World Hindi Conference is being held every year in different countries for the past 32 years to promote this language.

Sir, I would request you to kindly consider passing of a unanimous resolution by the Parliament on including Hindi as one of the official UN languages. Thereafter, this resolution should be sent to the UN for acceding to our request. The UN cannot ignore the sentiments of more than 100 crore Indians. Thank you.[r65]