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Title: Need to broadcast programmes in Santhali language by Doordarshan Kendra of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar.

SHRI LAXMAN TUDU (MAYURBHANJ): The Santhali language mostly spoken in the district of Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar, Sundergarh, Balasore, Khurda, Nalco and Bhubaneswar of Odisha. The Santhali Language is one of the recognized languages under the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India. The people of adjoining West Bengal and Jharkhand areas are availing the programmes broadcast in Santhali language. But the Doordarshan Kendras of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar are not broadcasting any programme in Santhali language. So most of the people are deprived of the benefit of schemes related to rural development and tribal development because they are not understanding and getting timely knowledge of above schemes and programme sponsored by the Government of India or Government of Odisha. The required awareness and awakening is not generated among the people knowing the Santhali language.

I would like to make a request to the Government to instruct the Doordarshan Kendra of Cuttack and Bhubaneswar to dedicate some hours for broadcasting of programmes related to development schemes of tribal and rural areas as well as entertainment programme in Santhali Language so that backward and tribal community can be brought into national mainstream.