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Title: Need to provide official recognition to Kurmali language spoken by Kurmi community in the country.

SHRI SUVENDU ADHIKARI (TAMLUK): I would like to bring it to the kind attention of Hon'ble Union Minister of Home Affairs that there has been noble effort from time to time to bestow official recognition to different languages spoken in the Union and this has been done in deference to our Constitutional obligation to not only preserve political unity but also protect and nurture cultural and linguistic diversity.

I would like to mention some words about a community named as Kurmi. They are the Hindu agricultural community living in some parts of India. In West Bengal they live in West Purulia, Bankura, Malda, Nadia and West Midnapore districts and speak in Kurmali language. It will not be an exaggeration to mention that a language is the blood of a community to express their feeling, emotion, sorrow and pleasure. Almost six lakh Indians speak this language. But the language has not been conferred any official recognition.

I would therefore like to request Hon'ble Union Minister of Home Affairs to please consider the case of giving official recognition to this language.