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Title: Regarding uploading of official information on the official websites of Government of India in Tamil also.

SHRI C. GOPALAKRISHNAN (NILGIRIS): Thank you, Sir, for giving me an opportunity to raise an important matter during '*Zero Hour*'.

Tamil is a Dravidian language predominantly spoken by Tamil people of India and northern Sri Lanka. It is the official language of Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry, Sri Lanka and Singapore. Tamil is the first Indian language declared as a classical language by the Government of India in 2004 and is one of the 22 languages recognized under the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India.

Tamil is spoken by more than 100 million people around the world, that is, in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Malaysia, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, Mauritius, Canada, South Africa, Fiji, Germany, the Philippines, the United States, the Netherlands, Indonesia and France as well as the smaller emigrant communities elsewhere. Sir, as regards disseminating information in the official websites of the Union Government and Parliament of India relating to policies and programmes, the contents are available only in English and Hindi. Many Tamil speaking people find it difficult to download and understand the contents. The Union Government is not giving due importance to all languages, especially, to the classical languages. So, I would request the Union Government, through you, that henceforth all the official information may be uploaded in Tamil language also. Thank you, Sir.