

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding inclusion of Sambalpuri and Koshali languages in the Eighth Scheduled to the Constitution.

DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH (BARGARH): Sir, I thank you for allowing me to speak on a very important matter of urgent public importance.

The matter is regarding Sambalpuri and Koshali languages which are ancient languages spoken in about 12 districts and by 1.5 crore people living in the western part of Odisha. They are rich in heritage and culture. They are very popular languages spoken by the people living in the western part of Odisha. Sir, through you, we are demanding inclusion of these languages in the Eighth Schedule of Indian Constitution. The hon. Chief Minister of Odisha has written several letters to the Indian Government to include Sambalpuri and Koshali languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.

I urge upon the Union Home Minister through you to include Sambalpuri and Koshali languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Dr. Prabhas Kumar Singh.