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Title: Need to include Tulu language in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Tulu base is a Dravidian language spoken mainly in the south west part of the Indian state of Karnataka and also in the Kasaragod district of Kerala. The Tulu speaking region is often referred to as Tulu Nadu. The native speakers of Tulu are referred to as Tuluva or Tulu people.

The Indian census report of 2011 reported a total of 1,846,427 native Tulu speakers in India. The 2001 census had reported a total of 1,722,768 native speakers. According to one estimate reported in 2009, Tulu is currently spoken by 3 to 5 million speakers in the world. So I kindly request the Government to include Tulu language in the VIII Schedule to the Constitution.