

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2732**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH AUGUST, 2026/ SHRAVANA 13, 1948 (SAKA)

INCLUSION OF BANJARA LANGUAGE

2732. SHRI KONDA VISHWESHWAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has examined the recommendation of the Committee on the inclusion of additional languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution, including Banjara (Gor Boli/Lambadi);

(b) whether Banjara (Gor Boli/Lambadi) was among the languages identified for consideration for inclusion in the Eighth Schedule;

(c) the present status of the proposal for inclusion of Banjara (Gor Boli/Lambadi) in the Eighth Schedule, along with the criteria adopted by the Government for such inclusion; and

(d) whether the Government proposes to take a decision on the inclusion of Banjara (Gor Boli/Lambadi) in view of its widespread use across several States and if so, the details and timeline thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) to (d): There have been demands from time to time for inclusion of several languages, including Banjara (Gor Boli/Lambadi), in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. However, there are no fixed criteria for consideration of any language for inclusion in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. As the evolution of dialects and languages is a dynamic process, influenced by

socio-cultural, economic and political developments, it is difficult to fix any criterion for languages for inclusion in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. The earlier attempts, through the Pahwa (1996) and Sitakant Mohapatra (2003) Committees, to evolve such fixed criteria have been inconclusive. The Government is conscious of the sentiments and requirements for inclusion of other languages in the Eighth Schedule. Such requests have to be considered keeping in mind these sentiments, and the other relevant considerations. Since at present, there are no fixed criteria for any language to be considered for inclusion in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution, no time-frame can be fixed for consideration of the demands for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.
