

Regarding need to include Sambalpuri language in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution-laid

SHRI SURESH PUJARI (BARGARH): I express my gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister and Home Minister for nominating many Odias for Padma Awards, including many from the Western Part of Odisha like Sri Haladar Nag,, Sri Jeetendra Haripal, Sri Mitrabhanu Gountia, Krishna Patel, the latest two being Sri Guru Bhagbat Pradhan of Bargarh and Sri Binod Pasayat of Sambalpur. This practically recognized the age-old language, Sambalpuri. Sambalpuri Language has its separate Grammar, words, literature, Songs, Music, Drama, and Cinema. Recently, Sambalpuri/Kosali Film, "Sala Budha" means The Stupid Old Man directed by Sri Sabyasachi Mahapatra won awards in several categories at Odisha State Film Award including Best Film and Best Director. That apart, many famous books written by famous writers including the epic "Ramayana" and the "Mahabharat" as well as the "Srimad Bhagwat Gita". Now the time has come to include the language in the eighth schedule of the Constitution. So I request the Hon'ble Home Minister to kindly include the Sambalpuri Language in the Eighth schedule to the Constitution.