

***hRegarding development of Sindhi language**

श्री शंकर लालवानी (इन्दौर) : सभापति महोदया, मैं अपनी बात अपनी मातृभाषा सिंधी में रखना चाहता हूँ । मैं इस सदन की नई लोक सभा में पहली बार सिंधी भाषा में बोल रहा हूँ ।

* Hon'ble chairperson Madam, I want to speak in my mother tongue Sindhi. I am delivering my speech in Sindhi in this new Parliament for the first time. I express my gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister that this govt is taking constructive steps to promote different regional languages. I am also grateful to Hon'ble Lok sabha Speaker for giving a place to Sindhi in the Digital format of proceedings in this House. In India we have more than 1 crore Sindhi population. They have some demands which I want to place before you, which I hope the govt will consider. For the development of Sindhi language NCPSL, under the Ministry of Education, govt. of India is doing praise worthy work. I want to congratulate them.

The Sindhi civilization is one of the ancient civilizations of the world. Mohenjo-Daro and the Indus civilization dates back to 4,500 years. Firstly I request the Minister of Culture to promote Sindhi Art and culture. Secondly, I request you to display a Tableau in the Republic Day Parade based on Sindhi civilization and culture. My third request is to create a special channel for Sindhi language like other Indian languages. Fourthly, my demand is to telecast lok sabha proceedings in Sindhi language too like other Indian languages, so that Sindhi people can listen to the proceedings in their own language. Lastly, I wish a happy Cheti Chand to all of you which we are going to observe as the Birthday of Jhulelal so, our revered God. I also extend you my greetings for the coming Sindhi Diwas on 10th April.

Thank you. Jai Jhulelal.

12.55 hrs (Hon. Speaker *in the Chair*)