

Regarding need for inclusion of Gor-Boli language of Banjara community in the 8th Schedule to the Constitution-Laid

SHRIMATI D. K. ARUNA (MAHBUBNAGAR): I would like to bring to the kind notice of the Government the dire need to include Gor-Boli language of the Banjara Community, in the 8th Schedule to the Constitution. In this connection, I am to state that the language called Gor-Boli, also known as Lambadi or Banjari, is spoken by the Banjara people across India. It's estimated that there are between 1 and 2 million speakers. This language is part of the Indo-Aryan language family. Gor-Boli is the mother tongue of the people of Banjara. Moreover, Banjara, Gore Banjara, Laman, Lambadi, Gore Rajput, Nayak and Gawaria, in our country, are known by various names such as Gore, Gore Rajput, Nayak and Gavar, in the form of folk songs and stories, they are constantly protecting their unique language, attire, culture and traditions, but if there is no immediate action, we will lose this precious language which is used by significant number of population and has a great cultural heritage. The absence of a script should not be an obstacle. Hence, I request the Hon?ble Minister of Home Affairs, to kindly intervene in the matter and do the needful for which we all shall ever be grateful to you, Sir.