

Regarding need to recognize the Roman script for Kokborok, an indigenous tribal language of Tripura- laid

SHRIMATI KRITI DEVI DEBBARMAN (TRIPURA EAST): I would like to bring to the attention of the Government, the urgent need to strengthen efforts for the preservation and promotion of indigenous tribal languages in the state of Tripura, like Kokborok, which is the mother tongue of the indigenous people of the state. Over the years, students and members of the indigenous communities have been consistently demanding official recognition of the Roman script for Kokborok. The languages phonetics and structure are naturally aligned with the Roman script, making it easier to teach, learn, and preserve. Despite this, students are still compelled to write their academic examinations in the Bengali script, with which they are not comfortable. I urge the Government to recognize Roman script as an official script for Kokborok in academic and administrative domains; ensure adequate financial allocation for the development, promotion, and preservation of all indigenous tribal languages in Tripura; facilitate inter-departmental coordination between the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Education, and the State Government to protect the linguistic and cultural rights of indigenous communities. This is not only a matter of linguistic justice, but a constitutional and cultural imperative for an inclusive India.