

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1107  
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2003  
SANTHALI LANGUAGE  
SALKHAN MURMU

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has decided to include Santhali Language in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which amendment Bill in this regard is likely to be brought before Parliament?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI )

(a) to (c): No, Sir, However, a Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Sita Kant Mohapatra to make recommendations, inter-alia, to evolve a set of objective criteria for inclusion of more languages, including Santhali, in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. The Government will consider the recommendations of the Committee and take a suitable decision in the matter.