

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1351  
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2006  
ENDANGERED LANGUAGES .  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) The criteria being followed to declare any language as 'endangered language';
- (b) Whether the Government has identified the endangered languages in India;
- (c) If so, the details thereof;
- (d) Whether Telugu language comes under the category of 'endangered language'; and
- (e) If so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

- (a) No procedure exists to declare any language as "endangered language".
- (b) to (e) : Does not arise.