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Title: Need to include Santhal language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Sir, I demand from this House that the language of a substantial tribal population of our country belonging to five States, the Santhali language, should be included in the Eighth Schedule of our Constitution. Its position among the languages is threatened now. It is unfortunate that the Standing Committee on Home Affairs had to say:

"Many of the languages such as Bhojpuri, Maithili, Angika, Magahi, Santhali demanding inclusion in the Eighth Schedule are now under the umbrella of Hindi language. Individual recognised status to these languages by inclusion in the Eighth Schedule may compromise the primacy accorded to Hindi by the Constitution as the language of the largest group of Indians."

MR. SPEAKER: Please conclude. You can always make a point in one minute. Shri Varkala Radhakrishnan, आप अपने विषय पर बोलिये।

...(Interruptions)

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Sir, Santhali language is not under the umbrella of Hindi language. If it is recognised as a national language, the position of Hindi language will not be disturbed. ...(Interruptions)

श्री अशोक कुमार सिंह चन्देल : मेरा भी बहुत इम्पोर्टेंट मामला है। (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मि. राधाकृष्णन, क्या आप बोलना नहीं चाहते?

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : There is a substantial percentage of tribal population in five States who can read and write Santhali language. ...(Interruptions) More than one crore people can speak in their own language Santhali. They have been demanding and agitating that this language be included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. ...(Interruptions) The Government of India should bring a legislation to amend the Constitution to include this language of the tribal people of our country who fought for the freedom of the country.

श्री राजेश रंजन उर्फ पप्पू यादव : अध्यक्ष जी, हमारा मसला बहुत इम्पोर्टेंट है। मैं दस दिन से नोटिस दे रहा हूँ। (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आपको एक मिनट में बोलना है, अब टाइम खत्म हो रहा है।

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN (CHIRAYINKIL): Sir, I have given notice for Adjournment Motion.

अध्यक्ष महोदय : राधाकृष्णन जी, आप बहुत सीनियर मैम्बर हैं।