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Title: Need to print in Tamil language on the train journey ticket.

SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR (KRISHNAGIRI): Hon. Chairman, Sir, Tamil is the official language of Tamil Nadu and it is one of the 22 languages under Schedule VIII of the Constitution of India. Tamil is the first language of a majority of the people residing in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. Tamil language is also spoken among the small minority groups in other States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Maharashtra. Tamil was officially recognised as classical language of India by the Parliament on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2004. Such a rich Tamil language is removed from the train journey tickets.

During the British period also, the name of the place was printed in Tamil. After getting Independence also, Tamil language is followed. Nowadays, the Tamil language has vanished from the journey ticket. We are in the computer world. We may print 24 languages in the journey tickets including Tamil. But our train tickets are printed only in English and Hindi.

I would urge upon the Union Government through you, to print Tamil language in the train journey ticket so that the Tamil people can easily understand it.