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

SHRI THUPSTAN CHHEWANG (LADAKH): The demand for including Bhoti language in the VIII Schedule to the Constitution of India is pending for a decision with Government of India for many years. The Bhoti is a language of the masses, language of the people inhabiting Himalayas from Arunachal to Jammu and Kashmir, a language of the people who struggled for centuries to promote their identity. Today this language is struggling for its identity in a country which is being considered to be the world's largest democracy and proclaims the Unity in diversity its backbone. Many languages that have been included in 8th Schedule to the Constitution were found neither numerically stronger nor more grammatically richer than Bhoti. Unfortunately, the Bhoti language has been ignored. I request Government of India to initiate action on priority to include Bhoti language in the 8th Schedule.