

STATEMENT - 5

COMPARATIVE SPEAKERS'STRENGTH OF SCHEDULED LANGUAGES - 1971, 1981, 1991,2001 AND 2011											
S.No.	Language	Persons who returned the language as their mother tongue					Percentage to total population				
		1971	1981	1991	2001	2011	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	India	54,81,59,652	66,52,87,849	83,85,83,988	1,02,86,10,328	1,21,08,54,977	97.14	89.23	97.05	96.56	96.71
1	Hindi*	20,27,67,971	25,77,49,009	32,95,18,087	42,20,48,642	52,83,47,193	36.99	38.74	39.29	41.03	43.63
2	Bengali	4,47,92,312	5,12,98,319	6,95,95,738	8,33,69,769	9,72,37,669	8.17	7.71	8.30	8.11	8.03
3	Marathi	4,17,65,190	4,94,52,922	6,24,81,681	7,19,36,894	8,30,26,680	7.62	7.43	7.45	6.99	6.86
4	Telugu	4,47,56,923	5,06,24,611	6,60,17,615	7,40,02,856	8,11,27,740	8.16	7.61	7.87	7.19	6.70
5	Tamil	3,76,90,106	**	5,30,06,368	6,07,93,814	6,90,26,881	6.88	**	6.32	5.91	5.70
6	Gujarati	2,58,65,012	3,30,63,267	4,06,73,814	4,60,91,617	5,54,92,554	4.72	4.97	4.85	4.48	4.58
7	Urdu	2,86,20,895	3,49,41,435	4,34,06,932	5,15,36,111	5,07,72,631	5.22	5.25	5.18	5.01	4.19
8	Kannada	2,17,10,649	2,56,97,146	3,27,53,676	3,79,24,011	4,37,06,512	3.96	3.86	3.91	3.69	3.61
9	Odia	1,98,63,198	2,30,21,528	2,80,61,313	3,30,17,446	3,75,21,324	3.62	3.46	3.35	3.21	3.10
10	Malayalam	2,19,38,760	2,57,00,705	3,03,77,176	3,30,66,392	3,48,38,819	4.00	3.86	3.62	3.21	2.88
11	Punjabi	1,41,08,443	1,96,11,199	2,33,78,744	2,91,02,477	3,31,24,726	2.57	2.95	2.79	2.83	2.74
12	Assamese	89,59,558	**	1,30,79,696	1,31,68,484	1,53,11,351	1.63	**	1.56	1.28	1.26
13	Maithili	61,30,026	75,22,265	77,66,921	1,21,79,122	1,35,83,464	1.12	1.13	0.93	1.18	1.12
14	Santali	37,86,899	43,32,511	52,16,325	64,69,600	73,68,192	0.69	0.65	0.62	0.63	0.61
15	Kashmiri	24,95,487	31,76,975	#	55,27,698	67,97,587	0.46	0.48	#	0.54	0.56
16	Nepali	14,19,835	13,60,636	20,76,645	28,71,749	29,26,168	0.26	0.20	0.25	0.28	0.24
17	Sindhi	16,76,875	20,44,389	21,22,848	25,35,485	27,72,264	0.31	0.31	0.25	0.25	0.23
18	Dogri	12,99,143	15,30,616	#	22,82,589	25,96,767	0.24	0.23	#	0.22	0.21
19	Konkani	15,08,432	15,70,108	17,60,607	24,89,015	22,56,502	0.28	0.24	0.21	0.24	0.19
20	Manipuri \$	7,91,714	9,01,407	12,70,216	14,66,705	17,61,079	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.14	0.15
21	Bodo	5,56,576	**	12,21,881	13,50,478	14,82,929	0.10	**	0.15	0.13	0.12
22	Sanskrit	2,212	6,106	49,736	14,135	24,821	N	N	0.01	N	N

Note:

- The percentage of speakers of each language for 1981 has been worked out on the total population of India excluding the population of Assam where the 1981 Census was not conducted due to disturbed conditions
 - Full figures for Tamil, Assam and Bodo for 1981 are not available as the census records for Tamil Nadu were lost due to floods and the 1981 Census could not be conducted in Assam due to the disturbed conditions then prevailing there. Therefore, percentage to total population of Tamil and Assamese are not given.
 - The percentage of speakers of each language for 1991 has been worked out on the total population of India excluding the population of Jammu & Kashmir where the 1991 Census was not conducted due to disturbed conditions.
 - The percentage of speakers of each language for 2001 has been worked out on the population of India excluding the population of Mao-Maram, Paomata and Purul subdivisions of Senapati district of Manipur due to cancellation of census results over there.
- # Full figures for Kashmiri & Dogri language for 1991 are not available as the 1991 Census was not conducted in Jammu & Kashmir due to disturbed conditions.
- \$ Excludes figures of Paomata, Mao-Maram and Purul sub-divisions of Senapati district of Manipur for 2001.
- N' - Stands for Negligible.
- @ Maithili figure has been extracted from Hindi language from 1971 census to 1991 census since it was one of the mother tongues grouped under Hindi during the period.