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# Official language and Schedule-VIII

## Eighth Schedule languages

The Constitutional provisions relating to the 8th Schedule are in articles 344(1) and 351 of the Indian Constitution.

### Article 344- Committee and Commission of Parliament on official language

**Article 344(1)** provides for the establishment of a Commission by the President on the expiration of 5 years from the commencement of the Constitution and afterward at the expiration of 10 years from such commencement.

It should comprise of a Chairman and other members representing the various languages specified in the 8th Schedule to make recommendations to the President for the dynamic use of Hindi for official purposes of the Government of India.

### Article 351

The duty of the Union to encourage the spread of the Hindi language to advance it so that it may serve as a medium of communication for all the components of the composite culture of India and to safeguard its enhancement by integrating without interfering with its genius, style and expressions used in Hindustani and in the other languages of India specified in the 8th Schedule, and by drawing, anywhere essential or required, for its terminology, mainly, on Sanskrit and secondarily on other languages.

Year of recognition	Language	Spoken in
1950	Assamese	Assam
1950	Bengali	West Bengal
1950	Gujarati	Gujarat
1950	Hindi	North Indian States
1950	Kashmiri	Jammu and Kashmir
1950	Kannada	Karnataka
1950	Malayalam	Kerala
1950	Marathi	Maharashtra
1950	Odia	Odisha
1950	Punjabi	Punjab
		Chandigarh
1950	Sanskrit	–

<b>1950</b>	Tamil	Tamilnadu Puducherry
<b>1950</b>	Telugu	Andhra Pradesh Telangana
<b>1950</b>	Urdu	Northern India
<b>1967</b>	Sindhi	Dispersed in Gujarat Rajasthan Maharashtra
<b>1992</b>	Konkani	Goa Parts of Karnataka
<b>1992</b>	Manipuri	Manipur
<b>1992</b>	Nepali	Sikkim Parts of West Bengal
<b>2003</b>	Bodo	West Bengal Assam
<b>2003</b>	Dogri	Himachal Pradesh Jammu and Kashmir
<b>2003</b>	Maithili	Parts of Bihar
<b>2003</b>	Santhali	Spoken by Santhal tribe in Jharkhand, West Bengal and Bihar