

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2203

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23RD NOVEMBER, 2010/ AGRAHAYANA 2, 1932(SAKA)

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

†2203. SHRI ARJUN MEGHWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

**(a) the criteria laid down to declare a language as an official language;
and**

**(b) the number of languages which have been given the status of
official language in the country?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI AJAY MAKEN)**

**(a): According to Article 343(1) of the Constitution of India, only
Hindi is official language of the Union. No criteria has been laid down
to declare any other language as the official language of the Union.**

**(b): Except Hindi language, no other language has been given the
status of the official language of the Union.**
