



Manipuri Language in the Eighth Schedule of the Indian Constitution

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Abstract

The Eighth Schedule was included in the Constitution in 1950 and it provides formal and Constitutional recognition to dominant regional languages in the spheres of administration, education, economy and social status. Manipuri language is one of the oldest languages in Southeast Asia and one of the 22 Eight Scheduled (**ES**) languages of India, which has its own script, written literature and official language of the State of Manipur. It is the mother tongue of the Manipuris and the Manipuri Muslims. The Movement for the inclusion of Manipuri language into the **ES** of Indian Constitution can be divided into two Phases. The First Phase Movement (1953- 1987) and The Second Phase Movement (1987-1992). And as a result of the movement it was included in the **ES**. What are the present status and development of Manipuri language after it becomes one among the **ES** languages? Which types of the beneficiaries are given by Indian Constitution to Manipuri language? In this article the Researcher tries to focus on movement for the inclusion of Manipuri language into the **ES**, the status and development of Manipuri language after it was included in the **ES** are discussed here on the basis of historical facts and evidences .

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