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No plan to amend law to include other languages in official list

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The government has said that there is no proposal to amend the Official Languages Act to include languages other than Hindi and English as its official languages.

This was disclosed by Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanad Rai in a written reply in Rajya Sabha on Tuesday while responding to questions from MDMK MP Vaiko.

Vaiko also asked if the gov-



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ernment has no plans to include languages other than English and Hindi identified in the Schedule of Constitution as official languages, how the people in the South and the Northeast, especially villagers could understand the communications, rules and regulations published by the government.

To this, Rai said that there is no provision of three lan-

guages (Hindi, English and regional language) as per point No 3 of the Official Language Resolution, 1968, which were prepared in consultation with the state governments.

"The order of usage of language in the name-boards/notice boards to be displayed for the information of the public by the Central government offices, which are located in non-Hindi speaking areas is to be in the order of (1) regional language 2) Hindi and 3) English," Nityanad Rai said.