

RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF MANIPUR ON THE 15TH APRIL, 1977.

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" Whereas the Manipuri language (Meiteilon) had been the lingua-franca or de-facto official language in Manipur, as it is till to-day; and

Whereas the Manipuri language has obtained the recognition of the Sahitya Akademi as one of the Indian languages in India; and

Whereas the Legislature of a State may by law adopt any one or more of the languages in use in the State as the language or languages to be used for all or any of the official purposes of the State as provided in Article 345 of the Constitution;

The House is of the view that the Manipuri language shall be the official language of the State in addition to the English language, with a transitory period during which it shall be the duty of the State Government to promote the spread of the Manipuri language,

The House, therefore, urges that a language bill need be initiated early by the Government of Manipur making Manipuri language as the official language and for rapid development of the tribal dialects with safeguards duly defined,

And the House further requests the Government of India to take steps for inclusion of Manipuri language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India. "

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