

This needs urgent attention. \*'"Thank you, hon. Chairman, Sir, for giving me this opportunity to share my views.'" ... (*Interruptions*)..

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Naresh Bansal, ..(*Interruptions*)..

**श्री नरेश बंसल (उत्तराखंड):** सर, मुझे पेपर नहीं मिला है। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Niranjan Bishi, ..(*Interruptions*)..Shri Pabitra Margherita.  
..(*Interruptions*)..

### **Demand for recognizing Assamese Script in ISO-15924 and ISO/IEC-10646**

SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA (Assam): Sir, my subject is, 'Appeal for Recognizing Assamese Script in ISO-15924 and ISO/IEC-10646.' ...(*Interruptions*)...

Sir, in this august Parliament, I have already appealed for recognizing Assamese as a classical language, and, subsequently, Assam Publication Board, Asom Sahitya Sabha and Government of Assam are already working on it. ...(*Interruptions*)... Now, I would like to appeal for taking necessary steps to recognize Assamese script in ISO 15924-2004 and ISO/IEC 10646. ...(*Interruptions*)... The origin of the Assamese script can be traced back to the early decades of the fourth century. ...(*Interruptions*)... But, unfortunately, in ISO and UNICODE documents and code chart, Assamese script has not been appropriately recognized. ...(*Interruptions*)... Earlier, Assamese script was recognized by DIT (MeitY) and C-DAC. ...(*Interruptions*)... In ISCII, the code for Assamese script was 57006. ISCII was the standard recognized by Government of India for the Indic scripts before Unicode standard was accepted. ...(*Interruptions*)... The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is one of the recognizing authorities of script code for Indian languages. ...(*Interruptions*)... According to documentary evidence, BIS encoded Assamese script independently for Assamese language in 1991. ...(*Interruptions*)... But in ISO/IEC 10646, which provides a code for the representation of names of scripts, Assamese script is missing. Similarly, in ISO/IEC 10646, which is related to Unicode, Assamese script is not recognized properly. ...(*Interruptions*)... I earnestly appeal for recognition of Assamese script in ISO and Unicode. ...(*Interruptions*)... The BIS has the authority to forward the demand to ISO for recognizing and encoding the Assamese script in its standards. ...(*Interruptions*)...

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\*English translation of the original speech delivered in Kannada.

Therefore, Sir, I request the concerned Government authorities to take the necessary steps to ensure the recognition of Assamese script in the national and international standards, thereby preserving the heritage. ...*(Interruptions)*... Thank you, Sir. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI RWNGWRA NARZARY (Assam): Sir, I would like to associate myself with the Special Mention made by the hon. Member.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Dr. Prashanta Nanda. ...*(Interruptions)*... Dr. Santanu Sen. ...*(Interruptions)*... Dr. Sasmit Patra. ...*(Interruptions)*... Shri Jaggesh. ...*(Interruptions)*... Shri A.A. Rahim. ...*(Interruptions)*... Shri Dhananjay Bhimrao Mahadik ...*(Interruptions)*... Shri M. Mohamed Abdulla ...*(Interruptions)*... Shri Niranjana Bishi. ...*(Interruptions)*...

### **Need for National Children Centric Environmental policies**

SHRI NIRANJANA BISHI (Odisha): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Sir, for giving me the opportunity to speak on a subject of urgent public importance. ...*(Interruptions)*...

Sir, according to the Children's Climate Risk Index published by UNICEF, approximately, one billion children live in high-risk countries and are more vulnerable to climate and environment shocks than an adult. ...*(Interruptions)*... Children do not have equal access to clean water, hygiene and sanitation, especially, children living in poverty, which is why children-centric policies should be in forefront for the environment movement in India. ...*(Interruptions)*... According to the Society for Research in Child Development, globally, 175 million children are expected to be affected by natural disasters every year. *Prarambha*, the Odisha State Policy for Children, is an excellent example of a children-centric policy that also focuses on climate change. ...*(Interruptions)*... Odisha is very much disaster-prone. As many as fourteen out of thirty districts are vulnerable to floods, cyclones and droughts which is why a State-based policy that teaches children about the dangers of climate change is quintessential. ...*(Interruptions)*... One of its prime focuses is to support children who face the adverse effects of climate-induced natural disasters and face exceptional challenges because of climate change. Additionally, the policy also focuses on improving access to climate change-related education. ...*(Interruptions)*... Thus, through you, I urge the Government to form national schemes and environment policies like that of Odisha that are focused on education and are children-centric.