

**STATEMENT - 4****SCHEDULED LANGUAGES IN DESCENDING ORDER OF SPEAKERS' STRENGTH - 2011**

| S. No. | Language  | Persons who returned the language as their mother tongue | Percentage to total population |
|--------|-----------|--|--------------------------------|
| 1      | 2         | 3  | 4                              |
| 1      | Hindi     | 52,83,47,193   | 43.63                          |
| 2      | Bengali   | 9,72,37,669  | 8.03                           |
| 3      | Marathi   | 8,30,26,680  | 6.86                           |
| 4      | Telugu    | 8,11,27,740  | 6.70                           |
| 5      | Tamil     | 6,90,26,881  | 5.70                           |
| 6      | Gujarati  | 5,54,92,554  | 4.58                           |
| 7      | Urdu      | 5,07,72,631  | 4.19                           |
| 8      | Kannada   | 4,37,06,512  | 3.61                           |
| 9      | Odia      | 3,75,21,324  | 3.10                           |
| 10     | Malayalam | 3,48,38,819  | 2.88                           |
| 11     | Punjabi   | 3,31,24,726  | 2.74                           |
| 12     | Assamese  | 1,53,11,351  | 1.26                           |
| 13     | Maithili  | 1,35,83,464  | 1.12                           |
| 14     | Santali   | 73,68,192  | 0.61                           |
| 15     | Kashmiri  | 67,97,587  | 0.56                           |
| 16     | Nepali    | 29,26,168  | 0.24                           |
| 17     | Sindhi    | 27,72,264  | 0.23                           |
| 18     | Dogri     | 25,96,767  | 0.21                           |
| 19     | Konkani   | 22,56,502  | 0.19                           |
| 20     | Manipuri  | 17,61,079  | 0.15                           |
| 21     | Bodo      | 14,82,929  | 0.12                           |
| 22     | Sanskrit  | 24,821   | N                              |

N - Stands for negligible.