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***Statement of Objects and Reasons appended to the Constitution (Seventy-eighth Amendment) Bill, 1992 which was enacted as THE CONSTITUTION (Seventy-first Amendment) Act, 1992*** **STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS** There have been demands for inclusion of certain languages in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. It is proposed to include Konkani, Manipuri and Nepali languages in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution. The Bill seeks to give effect to this decision.

**2. The Napali language is also known in some areas as 'Gorkha Bhasa'. In the Census operations, other nomenclatures such as 'Gorkhali', 'Gorkdhi', 'Gurkhiya', 'Khaskura' or 'Naipali' have also been used.**

An Act further to amend the Constitution of India. BE it enacted by Parliament in the Forty-third Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

#### 1. Short title.-

This Act may be called the Constitution (Seventy-first Amendment) Act, 1992.

#### 2. Amendment of Eighth Schedule.-

In the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution, -(a) existing entry 7 shall be re-numbered as entry 8, and before entry 8 as so re-numbered, the entry "7. Konkani." shall be inserted; (b) existing entry 8 shall be re-numbered as entry 10, and before entry 10 as so re-numbered, the entry "9. Manipuri." shall be inserted; (c) existing entries 9 to 15 shall be re-numbered as entries 12 to 18 respectively, and before entry 12 as so re-numbered, the entry "11. Nepali." shall be inserted. [The Constitution (Seventy-first Amendment) Act, 1992, amended the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution so as to include Konkani, Meitei (officially called "Manipuri") and Nepali languages, thereby raising the total

number of languages listed in the schedule to eighteen. The Eighth Schedule lists languages that the Government of India has the responsibility to develop. The Eighth Schedule to the Constitution originally included 14 languages Sindhi was included by the 21st Amendment, enacted in 1967. Bodo, Dogri, Santhali and Maithili were included in the Eighth Schedule in 2004, through the 92nd Amendment, raising the total number of languages to 22. Also Refer]