

## LANGUAGE-DOMICILE PROTEST IN JHARKHAND



### Issue

Massive protests have been taking place in Jharkhand for including Bhojpuri and Magahi as “regional languages” in district level government exams.

### Background

The protests have gained momentum since the last couple of weeks. Gatherings have been taking place to oppose the government.

### Details

The protests have strengthened mostly in the east-central districts of Bokaro and Dhanbad, but also in Giridih and Ranchi.

### The start

- Magahi, Bhojpuri, and Angika were notified as regional languages in the district-level selection exams conducted by the Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission (JSSC).
- The announcement was made on December 24 by Jharkhand Personnel, Administrative Reforms, and Rajbhasha Department.

### Objections

- The inclusion of Bhojpuri and Magahi was seen as an “infringement” on the rights of Adivasis and Moolvasis by certain sections.
- They say that the notified districts have low levels of Magahi and Bhojpuri speakers, which did not warrant inclusion of these languages.

### Notified exams

- These exams are conducted for appointments to lower-level jobs in the districts. But these jobs are yet to be advertised and there is no clarity.
- It is for the first time that Bhojpuri, Angika, and Magahi will be included as language papers. The weightage and marks will be announced later.

### Protesting groups

- The Jharkhandi Bhasha Sangharsha Samiti, which constitutes people belonging to Adivasi groups, has held protest gatherings.
- The samiti opposes inclusion of these languages in districts that does not have substantial speakers. It does not object inclusion in districts where there are more speakers.

### Other demands

- The protestors are also demanding that 1932 be made the cut-off date while considering proof of land records for the state's domicile policy.
- The previous government had included criteria such as employment for the last 30 years, and essentially made 1985 the cut-off year for state's domicile.

### Way ahead

- Local MLAs have been involved in gathering crowd for the protests. This clearly indicates that the issue is indeed political.
- In addition, there is no opposition for Bengali and Odia being made regional languages and people allowed to write examinations.

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