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The state cabinet of Odisha recently approved a proposal to recommend the inclusion of **the Kui language** in the **eighth schedule of the Constitution of India**.

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About Kui language:

- Kui **South-Eastern Dravidian** language spoken by the **Kandhas**.
- **Khonds/Kandha** are an **indigenous Adivasi** tribal community in India.
- They are the **largest tribal group** in the **state of Odisha**.
- It is **mostly spoken in Odisha**.
- The language is **written in the Odia script**.
- The Kui language was also referred to as the **Kuinga language** during the **historical period**.
- It is closely related to the **Gondi** and **Kuvi** languages.

About 8th schedule of the Indian constitution:

- The Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India **lists the official languages** of the Republic of India.
- The Government of India is **under an obligation** to take measures for the **development of these languages**, such that "**they grow rapidly in richness** and become **effective means of communicating** modern knowledge."
 - The Eighth Schedule to the Constitution consists of 22 languages at present: (1) Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu Bodo, Santhali, Maithili and Dogri.
- Out of these languages, **14 were initially included in the Constitution**.
 - **Sindhi language** was added in 1967.
 - Thereafter **three more languages** viz., Konkani, Manipuri and Nepali were included in 1992.
 - Subsequently Bodo, Dogri, Maithili and Santhali were added in 2004.