

## PETITION

**Shri Narendra Modi ji**  
Prime Minister of India  
South Block, Raisina Hill, New Delhi-110011

Hon'ble Prime Minister

**Subject: Petitioning - Hon'ble Prime Minister and Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment - Make sign language an official language of India.**

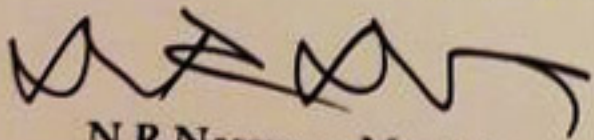
There is an incredible section of society, which we know very little about, because we do not communicate with them in their language - the sign language. There are 18 million hearing-impaired people in India, the second largest differently-abled category.

We appreciate the government's efforts of leading the way in academic developments, teaching, training, technology-integration, and propagation of sign language in India. However, your dream of 'Accessible India' can only be fulfilled if sign language is included in the Eighth Schedule, as an official language of India. This will bring millions of people to the mainstream and further enable our society to become an inclusive society.

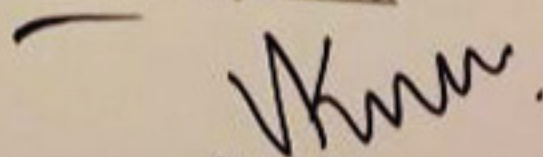
On this occasion of Babasaheb Ambedkar's 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary and on the occasion of the felicitation of 15 specially-abled Indians as the Limca Book of Records - People of the Year, we are filing this petition on behalf of specially-abled section of the society to make sign language an official language of India. This is yet another step towards Accessible India

Cc: Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot  
(Union Minister, Social Justice and Empowerment)

Signed on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016:



**N R Narayana Murthy**  
(Founder, Infosys)



**Venkatesh Kini**  
(President, Coca-Cola India)