ISO 639-3 Registration Authority
Request for New Language Code Element in ISO 639-3

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Associated Change request number : 2011-158 (completed by Registration Authority)
Tentative assignment of new identifier : dty (completed by Registration Authority)

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION

a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
Dotyali

b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:
Dotyali

c) Common alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
Doteli

d) Reason for preferred name:
The language is spoken mainly in Doti of far western Nepal. The name comes after the region where the language is spoken.
e) Name and approximate population of ethnic group or community who use this language (complete individual language currently in use):
Approximate 2.5 million people of the region speak this language.

f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available: Dot

Your suggestion will be taken into account, but the Registration Authority will determine the identifier to be proposed. The identifiers is not intended to be an abbreviation for a name of the language, but to serve as a device to identify a given language uniquely. With thousands of languages, many sets of which have similar names, it is not possible to provide identifiers that resemble a language name in every case.

2. TEMPORAL DESCRIPTION and LOCATION

a) Is this a

- [x] Living language
- [ ] Nearly extinct/secondary use only (includes languages in revival)
- [ ] Recently extinct language
- [ ] Historical language
- [ ] Ancient language
- [ ] Artificially constructed language
- [ ] Macrolanguage

(Select one. See explanations of these types at http://www.sil.org/iso639-3/types.asp)

For individual languages, also complete:

b) Countries where used:
   Nepal, India

c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used. Include GPS coordinates of the approximate center of the language, if possible:
   Far western development region of Nepal. Uttaranchal, UP and Maharastra states of India.

d) For an ancient or historical language, give approximate time frame; for a recently extinct language, give the approximate date of the last known user’s death
   11th century onwards.

3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION

a) This language is:  
   - [ ] Signed
   - [x] Spoken
   - [ ] Attested only in writings

b) Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:
   Indo European > Indo-Aryan > North western > Pahadi > Dotyali

c) Closest language linguistically. For a Macrolanguage, list the individual languages (adopted and/or proposed) to be included in its group. For signed language, note influence from other signed or spoken languages:
   Nepali, Kumaoni and Garhwali (Pahadi languages)
4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE

a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:
The language has been historical inscriptions, geneologies, annals, folk literature, a dictioniery and glossaries, some books, a few literary magazines (including a few other specimens of written literatures), and radio and television broadcasts.

b) Is this language officially recognized by any level of government? Is it used in any levels of formal education as a language of instruction (for other subjects)? Is it taught in schools?:
No

c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:
The speakers are very enthusiastic for the identity of the language. This has been reflected in the last two population censuses.
SOURCES OF INFORMATION

You do not need to repeat sources previously identified in the form, “Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code”

a) First-hand knowledge. Describe:
   I am a native speaker of the language.

b) Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:

c) Knowledge from published sources. Include known dictionaries, grammars, etc. (please give complete bibliographical references):
   i) Dotyali Brihat Shabdakosh [Dotyali Comprehensive Dictionary]; a comprehensive dictionary of Dotyali language (about 1,000 pages and more than 50,000 words by myself). This dictionary was published in 2001 A.D.
   ii) Devatabi [Divine region]; annual publication by Doteli community.
   iii) Pyauli; a monthly literary magazine by Dr. Tek Raj Pant.
   vi) Kaalo Surjya [The black sun], a novel translated in Dotyali language by myself.
   vii) Gora [name of religious festival] by Farwestern Literary and Cultural Organization.
   viii) Folk Literary and Study by Dev Kant Pant.
   ix) History and Culture of Doti Region by Dr. Devi Prasad Ojha.
   x) An Introduction of Dadeldhura by Surat Bahadur shah.
   xi) Purano Khas Kura (Old Pahadi Dictionary) by V D Baishnab.
   xii) Itihas Prakash Sandhi Patra by Yogi Narahari Nath.
   xiv) Literature and Grammer by Pahalman Singh Swar.
   xv) Literature and Culture Writings by Raja Jaya Prithibi Bahadur Singh.
   xvi) Literature and Cultural Writings by Dr. Jaya Raj Pant etc.

Please return this form to:
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An email attachment of this completed form is preferred.

Further information:
If your request for a new language code element is supported by the Registration Authority as a formal proposal, you may be contacted separately by researchers working with the Ethnologue or with LinguistList asking you to provide additional information.

Sources of documentation for ISO 639-3 identifiers:

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