

MAP 35

DISTRIBUTION OF BHILI/BHILODI SPEAKERS 2011

Bhili/Bhilodi is one of the Non-Scheduled languages of India. It is spoken mainly in the western-central part of India covering Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat. It belongs to the Western branch of Indo-Aryan language family.

In Census 2011, 17 mother tongues namely, Baori, Barel, Bhilali, Bhili/Bhilodi, Chodhari, Dhodia, Gamti/Gavit, Garasia, Kokna/Kokni/ Kukna, Mawchi, Paradhi, Pawri, Rathi, Tadavi, Varli, Vasava and Wagdi with 10,000 plus population at all India level are grouped under Bhili/Bhilodi language as variants. However, mother tongues with below 10,000 speakers returned as variants of Bhili/Bhilodi are clubbed under 'Others'. Devanagari script is used for writing Bhili/Bhilodi language.

As per Census 2011, there are 104,13,637 Bhili/Bhilodi speakers are there in India covering 0.86 per cent of the country's total population. Bhili/Bhilodi ranks first among all the Non-Scheduled languages, in terms of total speakers. It also has higher number of speakers compared to nine Scheduled languages of India (namely, Bodo, Dogri, Kashmiri, Konkani, Manipuri, Nepali, Sanskrit, Santali and Sindhi). Substantial share of Bhili/Bhilodi speakers is recorded in Rajasthan (5.24%), Madhya Pradesh (4.94%), Maharashtra (2.00%) and Gujarat (1.37%) of the respective State's total population. The significant proportion of Bhili/Bhilodi speakers are concentrated in Rajasthan (34.50%) followed by Madhya Pradesh (34.45%), Maharashtra (21.58%) and Gujarat (7.93%) totalling 98.46 per cent of the total Bhili/Bhilodi population in India. The remaining Bhili/Bhilodi speakers are distributed in the Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli (1.23%). The speakers' strength of Bhili/Bhilodi is ranging between 0.01 and 0.05 per cent in Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Assam, Goa, Karnataka, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal. In Daman & Diu, Jharkhand, Tripura, NCT of Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh and Manipur negligible (below 0.01%) Bhili/Bhilodi speakers are noticed.

The adjacent map shows the distribution of Bhili/Bhilodi speakers at the district level in India. Here, percentages are calculated on the basis of the number of Bhili/Bhilodi speakers in respect to total population of that particular district. Different shades of colour are used in this map to show the percentage distribution of Bhili/Bhilodi speaking population throughout the country. The data presented in this map is grouped in the percentage

ranges of 0.01 to 0.02, 0.03 to 0.10, 0.11 to 1.00, 1.01 to 10.00 and 10.01 and above.

The district-wise distribution reveals that out of 640 districts in India, 468 districts have reported the presence of Bhili/Bhilodi speakers. The overall picture of 468 districts towards the speakers' strength of Bhili/Bhilodi language shows that 57 districts have returned 0.01 to 0.02 per cent, 42 districts have registered in the range of 0.03 to 0.10 per cent, 0.11 to 1.00 per cent range is concentrated in 35 districts, 1.01 to 10.00 per cent range is found in 12 districts whereas 17 districts have registered 10.01 and above per cent speakers throughout the country. In the remaining 305 districts, the percentage of Bhili/Bhilodi is below 0.01 per cent and these districts are left blank on the map along with 172 other districts where no Bhili/Bhilodi speakers are reported.

Among the districts, in Rajasthan state, the highest proportion of Bhili/Bhilodi speakers is noticed in Banswara (89.94%) district followed by Dungarpur (74.60%), Pratapgarh (20.18%), Udaipur (19.23%), Sirohi (6.72%), Ganganagar (2.33%) and Alwar (1.02%) districts in Rajasthan; Alirajpur (89.96%), Jhabua (85.26%), Barwani (58.54%), Khargone (West Nimar) (24.31%), Dhar (15.55%), Burhanpur (14.97%), Ratlam (13.62%), Khandwa (East Nimar) (6.08%) and Dewas (2.13%) districts in Madhya Pradesh; Nandurbar (60.88%), Dhule (20.81%), Jalgaon (4.25%), Nashik (3.89%), Thane (2.35%) and Sindhudurg (1.16%) districts in Maharashtra.

The substantial proportion of Bhili/Bhilodi speakers are also found in Tapi (41.86%), Narmada (16.70%), Valsad (11.01%), The Dangs (3.89%), Dohad (2.14%) and Surat (1.80%) districts in Gujarat state and Dadra & Nagar Haveli (37.26%) Union Territory. The proportion of Bhili/Bhilodi speakers is also significant in Kishtwar (0.37%) district in Jammu & Kashmir; Wayanad (0.36%) district in Kerala; Uttarkashi (0.30%) district in Uttarakhand and Daman (0.24%) in Daman & Diu UT. In remaining districts, the Bhili/Bhilodi speakers are ranging between 0.01 and 0.20 per cent in 119 districts and below 0.01 per cent (negligible) in 305 districts. As mentioned above, in 172 districts, none has reported Bhili/Bhilodi as their language.

The distribution of Bhili/Bhilodi speakers and percentage to the total Bhili/Bhilodi speakers along with the cumulative percentage in the States/ Union Territories is given in the following Table 35.

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Sl. No.	India/States/Union Territories	Bhili/Bhilodi Speakers		
		Number	% Share*	Cum. %
1	2	3	4	5
	INDIA	1,04,13,637	100.00	
1	RAJASTHAN	35,92,208	34.50	34.50
2	MADHYA PRADESH	35,87,810	34.45	68.95
3	MAHARASHTRA	22,47,678	21.58	90.53
4	GUJARAT	8,25,942	7.93	98.46
5	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	1,28,078	1.23	99.69
6	ANDHRA PRADESH	5,329	0.05	99.74
7	KERALA	3,458	0.03	99.78
8	ASSAM	3,038	0.03	99.81
9	GOA	2,665	0.03	99.83
10	KARNATAKA	2,621	0.03	99.86
11	UTTARAKHAND	2,001	0.02	99.88
12	PUNJAB	1,920	0.02	99.90
13	BIHAR	1,448	0.01	99.91
14	TAMIL NADU	1,405	0.01	99.92
15	UTTAR PRADESH	1,283	0.01	99.94
16	ODISHA	1,213	0.01	99.95
17	HARYANA	1,121	0.01	99.96

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		Number	% Share*	Cum. %
1	2	3	4	5
18	JAMMU & KASHMIR	988	0.01	99.97
19	CHHATTISGARH	936	0.01	99.98
20	WEST BENGAL	689	0.01	99.98
21	DAMAN & DIU	518	0.00	99.99
22	JHARKHAND	416	0.00	99.99
23	TRIPURA	397	0.00	100.00
24	NCT OF DELHI	304	0.00	100.00
25	HIMACHAL PRADESH	106	0.00	100.00
26	NAGALAND	20	0.00	100.00
27	MIZORAM	17	0.00	100.00
28	MEGHALAYA	13	0.00	100.00
29	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	8	0.00	100.00
30	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR IS.	3	0.00	100.00
31	CHANDIGARH	2	0.00	100.00
32	MANIPUR	2	0.00	100.00
33	SIKKIM	0	0.00	100.00
34	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0.00	100.00
35	PUDUCHERRY	0	0.00	100.00

*The sum of State/UT percentage values may not add up to 100 due to round off and may also not match with cumulative percentage values.

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