

JUĀNG OR PATUĀ.

Juāng is the dialect of a Muṇḍā tribe in the Orissa Tributary States. It is spoken by about 10,000 individuals.

The word *juāng* means 'man' in the dialect, and the denomination Juāng as the name of a language is accordingly of the same kind as Hō, Kūrū and so on. The tribe is also called Patuā, from their women's habit of dressing in leaves.

The home of the Juāngs are the Dhenkanal and Keonjhar States. Some speakers are also found in the neighbouring tracts of Morbhanj and Pal Lahera. The Juāng territory forms an islet within the Oriyā area, and that latter language has largely influenced Juāng and will probably in the course of time supersede it.

The number of speakers was estimated for the purposes of this Survey as follows:—

Dhenkanal State	7,250
Keonjhar State	5,673
Morbhanj State	2,345
Pal Lahera State	429
TOTAL	15,697

Four thousand five hundred and ninety-one speakers in Dhenkanal and 17 in Morbhanj have been returned under the head of Patuā.

At the last Census of 1901, 10,853 speakers were returned, 10,795 of whom were found in the Orissa Tributary States. The corresponding figure for the Juāng and Patuā tribes in the States was 12,474. Almost the whole tribe, accordingly, still retains its

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