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In the republics of the former USSR, Russian language is known for its prestigious and official status. Unlike the other republics, Armenian was the state language in Armenia back in the Soviet times. Armenia, which gained its independence from the USSR in 1991, began a complete monopoly of the Armenian language in all areas. Even though the majority of the population of Armenia is closely connected with Russia, with each passing year, the Russian language is being increasingly marginalized in the country. Political circles in Armenia are not interested in the promotion of the Russian language and culture in Armenia, which is primarily a manifestation of racial and ethnic discrimination. They perceive Russian as the language of an exceptionally small ethnic minority. This is also a violation of the requirements of the allied strategy between Russia and Armenia. Taking into account all these factors, the article examines the current situation of the Russian language in Armenia and analyzes the measures taken by the government in this area.

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