

Correspondence in Bilingual Language

1421. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY:
SHRI SURENDRA PRASAD YADAV
(JAHANABAD):

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of offices of Central Government which have been directed to make correspondences in two languages;

(b) the departments and offices where bilingual computers have been set up;

(c) the percentage of letters which have been replied in Hindi through these computers by the departments and offices; and

(d) the details of action taken in regard to use of Hindi in official correspondences and administrative work in Hindi speaking areas;

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Under Official Language Rules, 1976, communication from Ministries/Departments/Offices located in region "A" and "B" to offices located in region "C", except notified offices, shall be in two languages.

(b) According to the information submitted by various Ministries/Departments in their quarterly progressive report regarding progressive use of Hindi, mostly bilingual facilities are available in their computers.

(c) Ministries/Departments do not maintain any details of Hindi letters prepared through computers. But according to the information given in the progressive reports received from Ministries/Departments approximately 30% of the work is done through computers.

(d) Targets are fixed for doing correspondence and administrative work in Hindi by Hindi speaking states viz states in region "A", in Annual Programme prepared by Department of Official language every year for implementation of Official Language policy. Datas of achievements against the targets fixed are shown in the Annual assessment Report. The report is laid on the table of both the Houses.

Onion Contribution by States

1422. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:
DR. SUSHIL INDORA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made any assessment with regard to the supply of onion by various States;

(b) if so, the details of the contribution of Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Kamataka, Gujarat and rest of India in production on onion; and

(c) the extent of damage caused to onion crops due to untimely rains in each State, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) India produces around 40 lakh MTs of onion annually. The area under onion in the country is the highest in Maharashtra accounting for about 20% followed by Orissa with 14.6%, Uttar Pradesh with 12.2%, Kamataka with 11.5% and Gujarat, 8.2%. In terms of production, Maharashtra ranks first followed by Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and Kamataka.

(c) According to the assessment made by National Horticultural Research and Development Foundation, Pune, the recent untimely rains have reduced the onion crops in major onion producing States like Maharashtra by 26%, Gujarat by 18%, Uttar Pradesh by 34% Orissa by 27% and Kamataka by 24%.

Separate State

1423. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM:
SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce any Bill in Parliament for providing Uttaranchal, Vananchal and Chattisgarh the Status of separate States;

(b) whether the draft bills seeking formation of new States were sent to the respective States for their approval;

(c) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(d) whether any suggestion from any Legislative Assembly for formation of the new State has been received;

(e) if so, the details thereof;