

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TEACHING OF HINDI LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to teach Hindi in the non-Hindi speaking States; and
- (b) the result achieved therefrom and the response of State Governments in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b) Government has taken several steps to promote Hindi in the non-Hindi speaking states. These include:

(i) the centrally sponsored scheme of the appointment and training of Hindi teachers in non-Hindi speaking states, under which funds are provided for the salaries of Hindi teachers in state Government schools. The scheme has been in inception since the second Plan. A total of Rs. 10.30 crores was released in the year 2002-2003 to five States under the scheme.

(ii) The Central Hindi Directorate, a subordinate office of this Department, has set up five subordinate centres in the non-Hindi speaking states at Hyderabad, Guwahati, Chennai and Kolkata. It implements several schemes for the promotion of Hindi in non-Hindi speaking states. Among these are: (a) grants of over Rs. 3.00 crores per year to over 200 Voluntary Hindi Organizations including the Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, (b) Hindi learning correspondence courses through which over 3.96 lakh students have benefited, (c) 19 prizes of Rs. 50,000/- each every year for writing in Hindi by writers (whose mother tongue is not Hindi), (d) the distribution of Hindi books to libraries and institutions in non-Hindi speaking areas, etc. (e) the publication of bilingual dictionaries with Hindi and other Indian languages like Hindi-Urdu, Hindi-Gujarati, Hindi- Telugu, Hindi-Tamil, Hindi-Kashmiri, etc.

(iii) The Kendriya Hindi Sansthan, an autonomous organization under this Ministry has also set up branch offices in Hyderabad, Shillong, Guwahati and Mysore in the non-Hindi speaking areas. The Sansthan is engaged in teaching and training the Hindi teachers of the schools of non-Hindi speaking states by means of orientation, diploma, B.Ed and other courses. More than 1700 teachers of non- Hindi States were trained last year.

The figures shown above and the amounts disbursed indicate that the state governments, voluntary organizations and individuals have all responded positively to the various schemes.