GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOME AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:307 ANSWERED ON:23.12.2003 PROMOTION OF HINDI MANSINH PATEL;RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Hindi language package has not been installed in the computers provided to various departments/ Ministries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) schemes launched and steps taken for promotion of Hindi particularly in non-Hindi speaking States;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted a review of these schemes; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.307 23.12.2003.

- (a) & (b): Hindi Language learning package, LILA (Learn Indian Languages through Artificial Intelligence) Hindi Prabodh, Praveen and Pragya is available on Internet since 14.09.2003. This information has been sent to all Ministries/Departments. Hence, the need of installing separate package on each personal computer in the Ministries/Departments is not necessary.
- (c): The measures taken to promote Hindi as official language of the Union in Central Government Offices is done through programmes being implemented all over India including non-Hindi speaking States as given in Annexure-I.
- (d) & (e): Yes, sir. All promotional schemes are reviewed in the Department of Official Language from time to time and improvements are carried out wherever necessary.

ANNEXURE-I

Annexure – I referred to the reply to part (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 307 due for answer on 23.12.2003.

Programmes for promotion of Hindi in Central Government offices

- Department of Official Language arranges training to Central Government Employees
- in Hindi Language, Hindi Stenography, Hindi Typing and English to Hindi Translation.
- Convening the meetings of various committees related to official language and organising workshop, symposium.
- Production and telecast of ${\tt T.V.}$ and Radio Spots.
- Publication and distribution of various publications and publicity material relating to official language.
- To ensure the implementation of Annual Programme.
- Monitoring through quarterly reports and inspections of offices of the Central Government.
- Implementation of various incentives/awards schemes etc.