

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to launch the official language dot.com, or to introduce any action plan for popularising Hindi;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the extent to which it is likely to be helpful in increasing the popularity of Hindi?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) & (b) No Sir. However, the Department of Official Languages does have a website at dol.nic.in. and the Commission for Scientific & Technical Terminology has a website www.cstt.nic.in wherein different subjects terminology on the server of the National Information Centre can be assessed. Further, the Government already implements the following schemes for popularising Hindi ;

i) Teaching Hindi as a second and Foreign Language to Non- Hindi speaking Indians and foreigners through correspondence courses.

ii) Teaching Hindi through cassettes

iii) Dictionaries and conversational guides in Hindi and foreign Languages

iv) Grants to Voluntary Hindi Organisations, specially to those located in Non-Hindi speaking States.

v) Appointment and training of Hindi teachers in Non-Hindi speaking States/UTs.

vi) Production of University Text books in Hindi.

vii) Besides, there is a proposal to introduce first part of the "Hindi Vishwa Kosh" published by the Nagri Pracharni Sabha (Varanasi) on Internet by September, 2000.

(c) All the above mentioned schemes have been very successful in the popularising of Hindi specially in the South and North East Regions of India.