

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2567  
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USE OF HINDI LANGUAGE FOR CORRESPONDENCE  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any scheme is being formulated to encourage the use of Hindi in all the correspondence between the Government and various companies (national and multinational) set up in the country;
- (b) if so, whether discussions are being held between the Department of Official Language and the companies;
- (c) if so, whether Department of Official Language has invited suggestions in this regard from the major industrial bodies of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of suggestions received from the industrial sector and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): No, Sir.

(c), (d) & (e): Committee of Parliament on Official Language, in seventh part of its Report has recommended that `Correspondence in Hindi with the Govt. should be made mandatory for those Multi-National Companies as well as Domestic companies, who use Hindi to publicise and promote the sale of their products. At the same time the Government should also respond in Hindi.` The President's order passed on this recommendation directs that the Department of Official Language may discuss this issue with concerned parties.

The Department of Official Language have invited the comments of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Confederation of Indian Industries, Association of Chambers of Commerce & P.H.D. Chambers of Commerce and Industries in this regard. No comments have been received so far from them. Chambers of Industries have not given any suggestion.