

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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USE OF HINDI IN EMBASSIES  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Official Language Hindi is neither being used in official correspondence nor any staff or facility has been made available to work in Hindi in Indian Embassies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the staff deputed with Indian Embassies do not opt for Hindi language even while corresponding with the people of Indian origin and extend co-operation in the publications of Official Language Committee;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether his Ministry is not aware of the role of Indian Embassies in promotion of Official Language in Foreign Countries; and
- (f) if so, the steps being taken to ensure the use of Hindi in Indian Embassies?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

- (a) & (b) The staff posted in Indian Embassies are apprised of the Official Language Policy of the Government of India. Facilities, including software, for use of the official language are provided in the Indian Embassies.
- (c) & (d) The staff deputed in Indian Embassies use Hindi in communications with those persons who use Hindi as a medium of their communication.
- (e) & (f) The Indian Embassies/Missions play an important role in the promotion of Official Language. Various Hindi programs are organized in Embassies / Missions abroad. Support is also given to the educational and cultural institutions in the host countries by the Indian Missions/Posts abroad for promotion of the official language.