

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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HINDI IN UNO
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any funds are required to get Hindi included in the list of languages adopted by the United Nations Organisation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government is considering to make a provision for such funds; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) to (c): The question of addition of any language including Hindi in the list of official languages of the United Nations has procedural, financial and legal aspects. As a first step, a formal resolution needs to be adopted by a majority of the 192 member states of the UN General Assembly. Only after this stage, the proposing country would need to provide financial resources to the UN to cover additional expenditure related to interpretation, translation, printing, duplication of documents and related infrastructural costs.