

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HOME AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1391  
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IMPLEMENTATION OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGE  
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to promote Hindi language;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any Hindi Pakhwadas in the various Government Ministries/ Departments in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and total funds utilized;
- (d) whether the Union Government has issued any directive/guidelines to the various Government Department and offices with regard to implementation of Hindi as Official Language;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the policy formulated to fix penalty/ responsibility on defaulting officers for non-compliance of such directive; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to ensure proper use of Hindi as official language?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a): A statement is enclosed indicating the steps taken by the Government to promote Hindi language.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. Every year in the month of September, all the Ministries/Departments/Attached offices/Subordinate offices of the Central Government/Undertakings/Banks/Corporations etc. organise Hindi week, Hindi Fortnight, Hindi Month etc. During these organizations, they acquaint their employees with the official Language Act, 1963, Official Language Rules, 1976, official Language Resolution, 1968 and instructions issued by the Department of Official Language from time to time regarding official language policy and conduct various types of activities such as organizing competitions in noting drafting, typing, stenography in Hindi in official work, declarations, debates, poetry recital etc. in Hindi, to issue apple by the higher officer to inspire officers/employees to do work in Hindi and the problems encountered in the use of Hindi be discussed in the meeting, in order to publicise Hindi, to distribute and exhibit publicity material, to give cash awards, certificates etc. to officers/employees who do commendable official work in Hindi. Apart from this, working on computer in Hindi and technique awareness is also encouraged for the use of Hindi in Unicode on Computer.

According to the information available with Ministries/Departments, Ministries/Departments etc. have spent Rs. 1,10,82,968/- (Rupees One crore, then Lakh, eighty two thousand, Nine hundred and sixty eight only) on organising Hindi fortnights during the year 2009.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. Under Section 8 of the Official Language Act, 1963, official Language (use for the official purposes of the Union) Rule, 1976 have been issued for the implementation of the official language policy. In compliance with the Official Language Resolution, 1968, the Department of Official Language issues an Annual Programme every year to accelerate its progressive use by giving various targets in respect of the use of Hindi to be complied with by the offices of the Central Government.

The Committee of Parliament on Official Language, Constituted under Section 4 of the Official Languages Act, after reviewing various aspects of implementation of official language policy in the offices of Central Government in detail, submits it's a Report the Hon'ble President. After reviewing the recommendations made in the Report, President's orders are issued on there recommendations. Apart from this, administrative orders are issued from time to time for the implementation of official Languages Act and Rules.

In order to continuously monitor the progress of the use of Official Language Hindi, a quarterly progress report is sought from all the offices of the Central Government. The short comings noticed from time to time through quarterly progress report on the use of Official Language received from the offices, are brought to the notice of concerned Ministries/Departments with the request to remove such shortcomings.

The Official Language policy of the Union Governments is based on motivation, encouragement and goodwill. There is no provisions for any kind of punishment in the Official Languages Act and Rules for not using Hindi language in the official work. The responsibility of ensuring the use of official language Hindi in the offices of the Central Government has been entrusted to the administrative head of every office.

(f): In addition to incentive schemes/activities being run to increase the use of Hindi in the offices of the Central Government, the Department of Official Language issues an Annual Programme every year giving targets in respect of the use of Hindi which are to be complied with by the offices of Central Government. In compliance of this, on the basis of the reports received from the offices of the Central Government, an Annual Evaluation Report is prepared incorporating therein the shortcomings found in the implementation of the official language policy in the Ministries/Departments other offices of the Central Government suggestions and measures for their removal.

Government has made administrative arrangement for the proper use of official language Hindi. For this purpose, Regional Implementation offices have been set up in different parts of the country. They have been reviewing from time to time regularly the progress made in the use of Hindi. The Committee of Parliament on Official Language reviews the progress of the official Language Hindi under the arrangements of official Language Act and submits its Report to the President. Hindi Salahakar Samities have been constituted in Central Ministries/Departments to review the progress made in the use of official language Hindi, concerned Minister presides over these meetings. Apart from this, Central Official Language Implementation Committee, under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Official Language to review the implementation of official language in various Ministries/Departments, Departmental Official Language Implementation Committees under the Chairmanship of their Joint Secretary or higher officer to review the implementation of official language in various Departments, and Town official Language Implementation Committees have been constituted to review the implementation of official language in the offices of the Central Governments located in different cities, which review the compliance of the official language policy and Annual Programme.

#### STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1391 FOR 3.08.2010

Ministry of Human Resource Development is running following schemes to give incentive and development to Hindi Language.

1. Teaching Hindi through correspondence
2. To provide financial assistance to voluntary Hindi Organisation.
3. To provide financial assistance for publication in Hindi.
4. Award scheme for the Hindi writers of non-Hindi speaking areas.
5. Shiksha Puruskar for promoting book writing originally in Hindi in the field of education.
6. Distribution of free Hindi books/magazines to the institutions/libraries located in non-Hindi speaking areas.
7. Organising workshops for Neo-Hindi writers of non-Hindi speaking areas, study tour for the non-Hindi speaking students, financial assistance the research scholars of Hindis in non-Hindi speaking areas, Pradhyapat Vyakhyan Yojana in Hindi speaking areas and non-Hindi speaking areas, conducting Hindi Seminars in Hindi speaking areas and non-Hindi speaking areas on different subjects related to Hindi.
8. Preparations of monolingual/bilingual/multilingual dictionaries, organizing exhibition of the books published by the Dental Hindi Directorate.
9. Preparation and publication of Hindi Technical glosses', definitional dictionaries and encyclopedias.
10. Publication of text books and reference material in the form of Hindi monograph and subsidiary text books.

Apart from this training in Hindi language, Hindi stenography, Hindi typing and translation is also imparted to the Government employee, use of official Language Hindi is being increased successively by motivation, encouragement and goodwill through publication of journals-magazines etc. in Hindi. In order to encourage the original book writing in Hindi, Rajiv Gandhi Rashtriya Gyan -Vigyan Maulik Pustak Lekhan Puruskar Yojana and Indira Gandhi Moulik Pustak Lekhan Puruskar Yojana is being run. Together with this a training drive is also being run to work in Hindi on computer.