GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4752 ANSWERED ON:08.12.2010 REACTION OF UN ON HINDI Choudhary Shri Harish;Singh Shri Ijyaraj

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reaction of the United Nations Organization (UNO) in making Hindi as an official UNO language; and
- (b) the reasons due to which UNO has not adopted Hindi?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) A language can become an official language in the UN only if the UN General Assembly adopts a resolution supported by a majority of the 192 Member States. Member States have been reluctant to support such a proposal because it would entail an additional financial burden.