

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR TEACHING HINDI
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether funds are allocated to the Indian missions for teaching Hindi language to the natives of the foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some Indian missions hardly spend money on the teaching of Hindi language and most of the funds allocated under this project remain unutilized;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the remedial measures the Government proposes to take in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) No. The Ministry does not allocate any fund to the Missions for teaching Hindi language. However, the Indian Council For Cultural Relations (ICCR), has established 19 Hindi Language Chairs in various Universities of different countries and allocated Rs. 374.00 lakhs to these Hindi Chairs during the financial year 2010-11, which was fully utilized.
- (b) to (e) Do not arise.