

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether any discussion has been held with the non-resident Indians in regard to the efforts taken by the Government in getting Hindi the status of official language in UNO; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The recognition of Hindi as one of the official languages of the United Nations is an important priority for the Government of India. We have involved the NRI community in our initiatives and efforts towards this objective. They have been closely associated with the preservation and promotion of Hindi in many countries. They have also been actively involved in various Regional and World Hindi Conferences organized from time to time, where the question of Hindi in the UN, amongst other issues, has also been discussed.