

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE HINDI

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to simplify the official language, Hindi;
- (b) if so, the measures undertaken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Hindi used in official work is akin to the language used by the general public;
- (d) if not, whether the Government has adopted any measures to make the official language more useful, simple and comprehensible;
and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) to (e): Instructions have been issued from time to time by the Department of Official Language that simple and easily intelligible Hindi should be used with a view to promoting Hindi. It has been advised that (i) simple Hindi should be used in writing notes and letters so that it is easily understood by all. It is important that the reader should understand what the writer actually wishes to convey; (ii) words which are commonly understood should be increasingly used in official work and there should be no hesitation in using popular words of other languages in Devanagari; (iii) wherever it is felt that the reader may find it difficult to understand a particular technical word or designation in Hindi, it would be helpful if its English equivalent is used in Devanagari.