

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF HINDI LANGUAGE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the deteriorating standard of the Hindi language in foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the standard as well as promotion of Hindi as official language in foreign countries?

Answer

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

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Ministry of External Affairs has a well structured programme for promotion and propagation of Hindi abroad through Indian Missions/Posts as well as other relevant institutions. Hindi reference and learning material including software, dictionaries, books are regularly supplied for presentation to educational institutions and organizations involved in the teaching and propagation of Hindi abroad. Financial assistance is provided to various foreign universities and educational institutions for organizing Hindi related activities including regional Hindi conferences. An important feature of this programme is the organization of the World Hindi Conferences from time to time and the next such Conference is proposed to be held at Johannesburg, South Africa in September 2012. The Government of India in collaboration with the Government of Mauritius has also set up the World Hindi Secretariat in Port Louis for promotion and propagation of Hindi globally.