

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD HINDI CONFERENCE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to organise Ninth World Hindi Conference in Johannesburg from 22 to 24 September 2012;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the said conference;
- (c) the expenditure likely to be made for organising the said conference; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to promote Hindi in foreign countries?

Answer

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

(a) Yes.

(b) The Conference will bring together Indian and world scholars and followers of Hindi, who will have an opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas on various aspects of Hindi including its promotion and propagation on world stage.

(c) Based on past experience and estimates of the proposed Conference as per expected scale, the total expenditure is likely to be about Rs 6 crores.

(d) The Government of India has taken several initiatives for promotion and propagation of Hindi abroad through the Indian diplomatic Missions/Posts and in collaboration with a host of foreign stakeholders such as universities, academic institutions and other such centres.

Major activities supported and promoted by Government of India in this regard include financial support to the organisation of Hindi classes; supply of books and other literature; organisation of regional Hindi conferences; supply of IT tools for Hindi, etc.