

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3520  
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HINDI ADVISORY COMMITTEES  
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether Hindi Advisory Committees have been constituted in various Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) viz. Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL);

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons there for, and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to promote use of Hindi in these OMCs? ANSWER

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SMT. PANABAKA LAXMI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Official Language Policy of the Govt. is also applicable to the Public Sector Undertakings including the Oil Marketing Companies. The policy, inter-alia, includes Official Language Act, 1963, Official Language Rules, 1976, Annual Program regarding progressive use of Hindi issued by the Deptt. of Official Language etc. Various steps are taken to promote Official Language Policy in the OMCs. Directions from the Ministry are issued from time to time emphasizing the need for proper implementation of Official Language policy in these Offices. Progress of Hindi in these Offices is reviewed in the meetings of Hindi Advisory Committee of the Ministry under the chairmanship of Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas. Quarterly progress reports regarding progressive use of Hindi is also called for by the Ministry from these Offices, which are reviewed and necessary instructions are issued to remove the deficiencies, wherever they are noticed. Oil PSUs also organize Hindi Conferences, Hindi Workshops, Hindi Kavi sammelans, etc with a view to promote Official Language.