

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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WEBSITES FOR INDIAN LANGUAGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether most of the websites of Government are in English language;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch these websites in Hindi or in other regional languages;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be launched; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. National Informatics Centre (NIC) has been providing IT infrastructure and technical support in the development and hosting of websites to the Central Government Departments, State Governments, UT Administrations and District Administrations. This includes use of Hindi and other Indian languages. However, content of the websites including its language is provided and maintained by the respective user Department. Government has brought out guidelines for Indian Government websites, which suggest that Government websites should be in bi-lingual form.