

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

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WEB CONTENT IN INDIAN LANGUAGES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the usage of information technology is low in the country due to non-availability of web contents in Indian languages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government for the development of information technology in Indian languages, language-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has set up a special task force for this purpose;
- (d) if so, the terms of reference of such task force alongwith the financial provisions made therefor; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for promotion of information technology in Indian languages?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Department of Electronics and Information Technology has initiated `Technology Development for Indian Languages (TDIL) Programme` with the objective of making available the software tools for information processing in 22 constitutionally recognized Indian languages.

Under this programme, CDs containing Software tools and fonts have been released in the public domain for wider proliferation of benefits of Indian language technologies to the masses. This will help common people to take benefit of IT in their own languages and also help the developers to build advanced solutions. CDs containing software tools and fonts for all the 22 constitutionally recognized Indian languages have been released. The released software tools can be downloaded from <http://www.ildc-aov.in> website

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Development projects in consortium mode have been initiated in the area of Machine Translation, Cross Lingual Information Access and Character Recognition. These projects cover Indian language pairs for machine translation and Indie scripts for Optical Character Recognition and are being implemented by premier academic and research organizations across the country.