

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POPULARITY OF HINDI ABROAD
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Hindi Language is becoming popular in many foreign countries and if so, whether the Government has conducted any study in this regard;
- (b) if so, the details and findings thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to send any delegation to foreign countries where Hindi language is popular to encourage the use of the language and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken to further popularize Hindi in foreign countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

- (a) & (b) Yes. Hindi language has been gaining popularity in many foreign countries. Indian Missions and Posts keep track of the popularity of Hindi abroad.
 - (c) Indian delegations comprising of eminent personalities involved in the development, promotion and propagation of Hindi are sent to World Hindi Conferences whenever they are held abroad.
 - (d) The Ministry regularly organizes programmes for popularizing Hindi abroad with the involvement of its Missions, Posts and cultural organizations and associations. Hindi teaching materials including Hindi text books, literary and children books, Hindi magazines, Hindi learning CD's, dictionaries etc. are supplied to educational institutions abroad. The Ministry also extends support to educational institutions abroad through Indian Missions/Posts.
- A World Hindi Secretariat has been set up in Mauritius, the functioning of which is coordinated by the Ministry of External Affairs, for promotion of Hindi worldwide.