

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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USE OF HINDI
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work done in Hindi in his Ministry is very nominal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Hindi speaking people are deprived of the knowledge regarding new scientific discoveries and technologies;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the details of the schemes prepared by the Ministry for working in Hindi along with English?

Answer

MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER FOR EARTH SCIENCES (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. Reasonable percentage of work is done in Hindi.

(c) & (d): No, Madam. Feasible efforts are made to extend information on new scientific inventions and new technologies for the benefit of the Hindi speaking people.

(e) The Ministry of Science and Technology continues to make progressive use of Hindi in Official work as per the Annual Programme issued by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs and the Official Language Policy of the Union. In pursuance of this policy, all documents covered under section 3(3) of the Official Language Act, 1963 are being issued both in English and Hindi and in terms of Rule 5 of the Official Languages Rules, 1976 all letters received in Hindi are being replied to in Hindi. Issuance of correspondence in Hindi to Central Government Offices located in Region `A`, `B` and `C`, purchase of valuable Hindi books, training in Hindi, inspection of field offices, and translation of manual/ forms are being done as per the targets set in the Annual Programme. An Action Plan based on the checkpoints identified in the Ministry has been prepared to encourage usage of Hindi so as to comply with the provisions of the official language policy. Annual Programme and other orders/instructions issued by the Department of Official Language are forwarded to all Subordinate/Attached Offices/Autonomous Organizations for compliance. In order to encourage the use of Hindi in official work amongst officers/ employees of the Ministry, a Hindi fortnight is organized in the Ministry every year in the month of September. During this pakhwara many competitions are organized and successful participants are awarded with Cash Prizes and Certificates. To monitor implementation of Official Language Policy more effectively, quarterly meetings of the Official Language implementation committee are being held regularly in the Ministry.

Programmes to popularize science and technology are being organized throughout the country in Hindi as well as in the regional languages. Radio serials through AIR are developed, produced and broadcast in Hindi. Books titled `Bharat mei Samudri Bhu Vigyan ka Itihas` and `Sab tak pahuchna hai` and Hindi journals like `Vigyan Pragati`, `Khanan Manjusha`, `Vigyan Vaani`, `Electronic Jyoti`, `Aavishkar` and `Dream 2047` have helped in bringing knowledge and updates regarding scientific activities occurring throughout the world to the Hindi speaking people at large.