

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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REGIONAL OFFICIAL LANGUAGE CONFERENCE
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department of Official Languages organizes Regional Official Language conferences in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Regional Official Language conferences held during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government gives encouragement to hold Regional Official Languages conferences in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Department of Official Language organizes regional official language conferences to promote the use of Hindi in official work, to provide a forum for interaction regarding the progressive use of Hindi and to provide up-dated information on the technical facilities related to the use of Hindi on Computers. In these seminars Rajbhasha Shields are given away to the attached/subordinate offices of Central Govt/PSUs/ Banks and Town Official Language Implementation Committees for outstanding achievement in implementation of official language policy of the Union.

(c): During the year 2011-12 five conferences (Mysore, Patna, Guwahati, Aurangabad and Dehradun), during the year 2012-13 two conferences (Ahmedabad and Bengaluru) and during the year 2013-14 six conferences (Kolkata, Chandigarh, Indore, Chennai, Bhuvaneshwar and Chandigarh) were organized. During the current year, one conference has been organized in Lucknow.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. The target is to organise four regional official language conferences during a year and financial provisions are made for this purpose. 88 conferences have been organized since 1985.