

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3055
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018

USE OF HINDI IN THE MINISTRY

3055. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the Department-wise status of progressive use of Hindi in each meeting held after the year 2014 in the Ministry for implementation of official language Hindi in compliance with “Annual Programme” issued every year by the Department of Official Language under the Ministry of Home Affairs and the measures taken to achieve the target set?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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The Ministry of External Affairs has a dual objective of propagation and promotion of Hindi Abroad as an international language and the implementation of its use in day to day official work in its offices at Headquarters, Missions/Posts abroad and in subordinate offices including Passport Offices.

A new thrust for the Implementation of the Policy of the Government of India has been given by the Ministry of External Affairs. People centric welfare measure like bilingual Passports has been implemented. The recommendations of Anushansa Anupalan Samiti on the 10th World Hindi Conference for the use of Hindi in Ministry and Missions abroad are being implemented vigorously. Important documents like Treaties, Agreements and Parliament Questions etc. are prepared bilingually.

Hindi Advisory Committee and Official Language Implementation Committee of the Ministry of External Affairs have been constituted and they are meeting regularly to take stock of the progress made in the use of Hindi by the Ministry. The officers of the Hindi Division inspect all the attached offices and autonomous bodies of the Ministry, including passport offices to monitor the implementation of Official Language policy of the Government of India. All the Missions abroad have also been instructed to ensure the compliance of the Official Language Policy of the Government of India.

Continuous efforts are being made by the Ministry of External Affairs at all levels to achieve the objectives laid out in Official Language policy on Hindi in the Ministry and its attached offices, autonomous bodies in India and Missions abroad. Department wise there has been a progressive increase in use of Hindi in daily correspondence and work. Suitable targets are taken out of Annual report of Department of Official Language under Ministry of Home Affairs and given to all

departments for compliance. These are constantly monitored and action taken to ensure that targets are met.
