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UNSTARRED QUESTION No.3959
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2/4/2018

TARGETS SET BY OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state details of the official Language Implementation Committee constituted in the Ministry since 2014 and the status of targets set and achieved following the Annual Programme in each of the meetings held?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES AND
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

As per directions issued by the D/o Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, Departmental Implementation Committee on Official Language is already in place in this Ministry. Joint Secretary is its chairman and the Heads of the all Divisions are members of this Committee. Its meetings are organised quarterly at regular intervals. In the meetings, in order to promote use of Hindi in official business as per target fixed in the Annual Programme issued by the Department of Official Language; progress made in this direction and difficulties faced in achieving the prescribed targets are discussed.

The Ministry is constantly striving towards achieving prescribed targets of 100%, 100% and 65% with the offices of the Central Government located in 'A', 'B' and 'C' regions according to prescribed targets respectively since 2014. As a result the Original correspondence in Hindi with 'A', 'B' and 'C' regions which was 66.82%, 63.63% and 56.20% in quarter ending June, 2014 has increased to 70.03%, 68.62% and 56.94% respectively. Similarly in quarter ending December, 2017 notings in the files done in Hindi has increased from 56.94% to 59.40%.

In pursuance of the official language policy of the Government of India, all documents covered under section 3(3) of the Official Language Act, 1963 are being issued both in English and Hindi and rule(5) of Official Languages Rules, 1976 is being complied cent per cent in replying in Hindi to all letters received in Hindi. 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. Action plan based on the checkpoints identified in the Ministry has been prepared to ensure compliance of the official language policy. Annual Programme and the orders/instructions issued by the Department are forwarded to the all attached/subordinate/autonomous organisations for compliance. In order to encourage the use of Hindi in official work amongst officers/employees of the Department, Hindi fortnight is organized in the Department each and every year in the month of September.
