GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3592

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 02ND APRIL, 2025/ CHAITRA 12, 1947 (SAKA)

PROMOTION OF HINDI LANGUAGE

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Official Language promotes Hindi at the national level;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry and details of the amount spent for promoting Hindi;
- (c) whether the Ministry acknowledge that this action undermines linguistic diversity and cultural identity of the States, causing injustice to regional language speakers; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government to ensure equal promotion of all regional languages as mandated by the Constitution and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) and (b): The Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs is striving to ensure compliance of the constitutional and legal provisions and to accelerate the progressive use of Hindi in the official work of the union. In accordance with the official Language Resolution,

1968 the Department of Official Language issues an annual programme every year for the use and promotion of Rajbhasha Hindi in various Ministries and Departments of the Government of India, setting targets for the progressive use of Rajbhasha Hindi. The budget of the Department of official Language for the last three years is as under:-

	(Rupees in Lakhs)
Budget Year	Actual Expenditure
2021-22	6513
2022-23	6725
2023-24	6757

- (c): No,
- (d): Not applicable.
