GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 987

TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2025

BHASHINI

†987. SMT. MAYA NAROLIYA:
DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:
SHRI IRANNA KADADI:
DR. KALPANA SAINI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Ministry has plans to train on-ground personnel and volunteers to effectively use BHASHINI's tools and features;

(b)   whether steps are being taken to ensure the accessibility of BHASHINI's services for elderly and differently-abled individuals during events;

(c)   whether the Ministry is planning to expand the language support of BHASHINI beyond 11 languages for future events like Maha Kumbh; and

(d)   if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a)   The Digital India BHASHINI Division, under Digital India Corporation, a Section 8 company under the Ministry of Electronics & IT collaborated with User Organizations and Line Ministries to facilitate such training on a case-by-case basis. This support primarily includes designing training materials and conducting "train-the-trainer" workshops.

(b)   AI models for automatic speech recognition and text to text translation has been integrated into BHASHINI's services.

(c) & (d)   Yes, Under the Bhashini Mission, the Ministry of Electronics & IT plans to support 22 scheduled languages as listed in the 8th Schedule of the Constitution.

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