GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †6124

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH APRIL, 2017/ CHAITRA 21, 1939 (SAKA)

USE OF HINDI LANGUAGE

†6124. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI: SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target regarding use of Hindi language in official work has been achieved by the Offices of the Government, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether there are reports that most of the work are originally being prepared in English language, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to use modern technology to promote Hindi as a link language and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has sought the cooperation of international companies in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of posts of Hindi Translators lying vacant in various Government organizations;

(f) whether the Government proposes to create new posts of Hindi Translators and if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the infrastructural reforms being done by the Government to translate the information on various subjects into Hindi language and the other measures taken by the Government for promotion of Hindi language in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per Official Language Act, use of Hindi in official work in the offices

of Central Government is satisfactory. However, more effort is required from

government offices to achieve full target.

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(b): No, Madam.

(c): Yes, Madam. Quarterly Progress Report/Annual Assessment Report are called for online by the Department. Self-learning Apps-Prabodh, Praveen and Pragya, for learning of Hindi, are available on the website of the Department.

(d): No, Madam.

(e): Department of official language deals with the service matters of the personnel of the Central Secretariat Official Language Service Cadre who are posted in various Ministries/Departments of Central Government.

(f): Department of Official Language do not create new posts of Hindi translators. Various Ministries/Departments of Central Government create these posts according to requirement of Hindi work, with permission of the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. Thereafter department of official language include these posts in cadre.

(g): Government has constructed well thought out structure of Hindi section in various Ministries / Departments / Offices / PSUs / Banks etc. of Government of India to translate into Hindi the information on various topics.

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In addition to this, Central Translation Bureau under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Department of Official Language is working for translating the various types of code/manual /procedural literature etc.

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To promote the work in Hindi in Government offices and Departments, various incentive and award schemes are run by the government based on the policy of inspiration, encouragement and goodwill. For example-Rajbhasha Kirti Awards for offices doing more and more work in Hindi & Town Official Language Implementation Committees (TOLICs) and Rajbhasha Gaurav Awards to promote writing skills of personnel and citizens.

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