

**PRIORITY-IV**

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.224  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.01.2018**

**HINDI IN UN**

**†\*224. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:  
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:**

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Hindi has not been included amongst the official languages of the United Nations for lack of clear guidelines of the United Nations Organisation (UNO) in the matter;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard;**
- (c) the steps taken by India in adopting/passing of a resolution in this direction so far; and**
- (d) the extent to which the Government has achieved success as a result thereof?**

**ANSWER  
THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)**

**(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 224 REGARDING “HINDI IN UN” FOR ANSWER ON 03.01.2018**

The United Nations (UN) has a specific procedure for a language to be recognized as an official language of UN. According to that procedure, getting Hindi accepted as an official language of the UN will involve adoption of a Resolution by the UN General Assembly with a minimum two-third majority, as the additional expenditure, according to UN rules have to be contributed by all member states.

Government continues to take measures for the acceptance of Hindi as one of the Official languages of the UN and to popularize Hindi worldwide. On several occasions Indian leaders have delivered statements at the UN in Hindi, including Prime Minister’s statement at the 69<sup>th</sup> UNGA in September 2014, the address of Prime Minister to the UN Sustainable Development Summit in September 2015, and the addresses to the UNGA by External Affairs Minister during its 70<sup>th</sup>, 71<sup>st</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> sessions in 2015, 2016 and 2017 respectively. Necessary special arrangements were made for simultaneous interpretation of these statements into English by the Permanent Mission of India in New York.

A World Hindi Secretariat has also been set up in Mauritius in February 2008 to promote Hindi as an international language. Efforts to propagate Hindi worldwide are also being made by our Diplomatic Missions/Posts abroad; in the current financial year Rs 5 crores has been allocated for this purpose.

Government continues to make such efforts towards securing due recognition for Hindi at the UN.

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