GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 464

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 06^{TH} FEBRUARY, 2018 / MAGHA 17, 1939 (SAKA)

PROMOTION OF HINDI AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

464. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented any policy to promote Hindi as official language; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (b): Yes Madam, Hindi is enshrined as Official Language of the Union.

 The Department of Official Language takes following steps to promote the progressive use of Hindi in official work by the Government:
- (i) An Annual Programme for implementation of Official Language in official works of the Union is issued every year by the Department of Official Language.
- (ii) An assessment regarding compliance of Annual Programme are laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament in the form of Annual Assessment Report every year.

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- (iii) Kendriya Hindi Samiti has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- (iv) Official Language Implementation Committees are constituted in every Central Government offices.
- (v) Central Official Language Implementation Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Secretary (Official Language) to monitor the progress.
- (vi) Hindi Salahkar Samities are constituted in Ministries/Departments to provide necessary guidelines under the Chairmanship of the concerned Minister of all the Ministries.
- (vii) Town Official Language Implementation Committees have been formed at town level.
- (viii) The officers of 08 Regional Implementation Offices of Department of Official Language ensure compliance of Official Language policy through inspections etc.
