

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3610
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019

PROMOTION OF HINDI

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of bodies (pithas) established by the Government for promotion of Hindi language;
- (b) the number of countries in the world to which Indian Government provides scholarship or fellowship in Hindi;
- (c) whether the Government has made provisions to teach Hindi in Indian embassies abroad;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of facilities being provided by the Government to foreign students for learning Hindi in India?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) Promotion of Hindi (our Raj Bhasha) in foreign countries is a high priority area for the Ministry of External Affairs. Propagation of Hindi abroad through Missions/Posts and Cultural Centres is done by Hindi Division of the Ministry of External Affairs and ICCR actively.

A total number of 26 Hindi Chairs have been established by ICCR in various foreign countries.

(b) Scholarships to study Hindi at Under-Graduate, Post-Graduate and Ph.D. levels and fellowships for research in Hindi are offered to foreign nationals of all the countries.

(c) & (d) Hindi Division of the Ministry of External Affairs supports Hindi teaching in foreign universities, schools and other educational institutions by providing Hindi books, Hindi teaching aids (such as software for learning Hindi, CDs, etc.), honorarium to teachers for teaching Hindi in Missions, financial support and grant to the institutions and organizations involved in propagation and promotion of Hindi abroad.

A total number of 27 teachers were sent to Indian Missions/Posts and Cultural Centres in the year 2018-19, of which 21 were supported by Hindi Division of MEA and 06 by ICCR.

(e) ICCR provides scholarships to the foreign students to learn Hindi in India. This includes monthly stipend, monthly house rent allowance, tuition and compulsory fees, annual contingency (book) allowance and medical reimbursement on CGHS rates.
