## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

### UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2579 TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 22, 2022

#### LANGUAGE OF WEBSITE

#### NO. 2579. SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN.

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the default language for the Ministry's website is Hindi and not English which causes difficulty in comprehension for the non-Hindi speaking majority of the people and if so, the reason therefor;
- (b) whether website of the Ministry or its departments such as the Central Public Works Department are made to greet visitors with the Hindi language option and not English and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether other languages such as Tamil, Malayalam, Telugu, Kannada, Bengali, etc., are available on the same website and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken to make information easily accessible to non-Hindi speaking users?

#### **ANSWER**

# THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE)

(a) to (d): The default language for the website of this Ministry and Central Public Works Department is Hindi with provision to switch over to English language. Therefore, the question of difficulty in comprehension for non-Hindi speaking people does not arise. As per the directions of the Department of Official Language, the website of the Ministry and all offices under its control are available in bilingual form.

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