GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1565

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12^{TH} DECEMBER, 2023/ AGRAHAYANA 21, 1945 (SAKA)

USE OF HINDI LANGUAGE

†1565. SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines regarding use of Hindi in all Ministries, Departments, Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), Banks, etc. and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details and the number of departments which have complied with the said guidelines and the number of complaints received regarding its noncompliance; and

(c) the concrete steps being taken by the Ministry to promote the use of Hindi language?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK)

(a) and (b) : Yes, Sir. The Department of Official Language issues an annual programme for the Ministries, Departments, Public Sector Undertakings, Banks etc. of the Government of India every year, under the provisions of the Official Languages Act, 1963; the Official Language Resolution, 1968; and the Official Language Rules, 1976, wherein guidelines and targets are prescribed for implementation of the Official Language. All Ministries/Departments are expected to ensure compliance of these guidelines. This is reviewed periodically by the Department of Official Language and the concerned Ministeries/Departments are suggested to remove pointed out shortcomings. Compliance of these guidelines is ensured by adopting a policy of motivation, encouragement and goodwill. Accordingly, an Annual Assessment Report on compliance of the Annual Programme is also laid on the table of both Houses of the Parliament every year.

(c) : The details of the action plan/steps taken by the Department of Official Language towards increasing the progressive use of Hindi in the working of the Central Government and effective implementation of the provisions of the Official Languages Act, 1963 are as under:-

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. An Annual assessment report regarding compliance of Annual Programme is laid on the Table of both the Houses of Parliament every year.

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- ii. Training for Hindi Language/Translation and usage of Computer is given to personnel of various Ministries/Departments and government institutions.
- iii. Technical tools are developed and implemented.
- iv. Promotion/monitoring of the official language Hindi is being done through Kendriya Hindi Samiti, Hindi Salahkar Samitis, Committee of Parliament on Official Language, Town Official Language Implementation Committees and eight Regional Implementation Offices of Department of Official Language.
- v. Various incentives/award schemes have been implemented for the offices/employees of the Government of India.

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