

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 282

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019/ KARTIKA 28, 1941 (SAKA)

PROMOTION OF HINDI AND SANSKRIT

†282. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating on policy change initiatives to promote progressive use of Hindi and Sanskrit for official purposes;
- (b) whether use of modern technology has also been planned, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has sought cooperation from international level companies as well in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the structural reforms being made by the Government for translating knowledge of various subjects into Hindi and Sanskrit;
- (e) the details of vacancies of Hindi and Sanskrit translators in various Government institutions; and
- (f) whether the Government proposes to create new posts for Hindi and Sanskrit translators and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a): The present provision is sufficient in this regard.

(b): Yes Sir. Technology Development for Indian Languages (TDIL) Programme of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, modern technology has been developed for use of Hindi and Sanskrit on Information and Communication (ICT) devices. The following software tools are available through <http://www.tdil-de.in>:

Language CDs containing Fonts, localized Libre Office, localized Firefox browser and other localized open source software tools have been developed for all 22 Indian languages included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution including Hindi and Sanskrit, Text to Speech (TTS) Synthesis System for Hindi, Optical Character Recognition system for Hindi, Machine Translation Systems from English to Hindi and Sanskrit to Hindi, Sanskrit processing tools, Sanskrit e-learning tools.

(c) No Sir.

(d) The details are given in part (b) of the answer.

(e) & (f) The information regarding vacant & creation of Hindi post is being kept by the concerned government institution at their level. As far as the information regarding vacant & creation of new Sanskrit translators post is concerned, there is no provision of use of Sanskrit for official purposes in central government offices. So information regarding vacant & creation of Sanskrit translators post is not being kept.

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