

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *324**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH MARCH, 2020/PHALGUNA 27, 1941 (SAKA)

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

***324. SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindi has been given the status of official language in the Constitution but there is more use of English even in the work of the Union Government;

(b) whether one of the main reasons for this is that the official language staff is most neglected and undermined, comparatively underpaid and having scant opportunities for promotion, leading to low morale and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any corrective measures in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *324 (a) to (d) FOR ANSWER ON 17.03.2020 RAISED BY DR. ARVIND KUMAR SHARMA REGARDING “OFFICIAL LANGUAGE”.

(a): Hindi has been enshrined as the Official Language on 14th September, 1949 by the constituent Assembly of India. Usage of the Official Language Hindi in the Central Government Offices etc. is on the rise. Department of Official Language is trying to increase the progressing use of Hindi in the Central Government work.

(b) to (d): No Sir, There is no deficiency in the morale of the Official language staff. The pay scale of Central Secretariat Official Language Service (CSOLS) is regulated and revised from time to time as per the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission. At present, all are being given pay scale as per 7th Pay Commission. Total sanctioned strength of CSOLS cadre is 1011. Department of Official Language is giving promotions to Officers of CSOLS Cadre regularly. It is mention worthy that Department of Official Language has promoted 279 Officers of CSOLS Cadre during 2019 whose description is given below:

Sl. NO.	Details of promotion given	No. of Personnel promoted
1	Joint Director to Director	03
2	Deputy Director to Joint Director	04
3	Assistant Director to Deputy Director	64
4	Sr. Translation Officer to Assistant Director	19
5	Sr. Translation Officer to Ad hoc Assistant Director	65
6	Jr. Translation Officer to Sr. Translation Officer	124