

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3332**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH MARCH, 2021/ PHALGUNA 25, 1942 (SAKA)

PUBLICATION OF GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS

3332. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government notifications, Acts etc. are published only in Hindi and English and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the reasons for not notifying all Government Notifications, Acts in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Odia, Bengali; and**
- (c) the estimated number of people from Non-Hindi speaking States who would understand the said Notifications, Acts?**

ANSWER

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

(a): As per Section 3(3)(i) of the Official Languages Act, 1963 both Hindi and the English languages shall be used for resolutions, general orders, rules, notifications, administrative or other reports or press communiqués issued or made by the Central Government or by a Ministry, Department or office thereof or by a corporation or company owned or controlled by the Central Government or by any office of such corporation or company.

However as per the provisions of the Authoritative Texts (Central Laws) Act, 1973 a translation in any language (other than Hindi) specified

in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution, published under the authority of the President in the Official Gazette of any Central Act or of any Ordinance promulgated by the President, or of any order, rule, regulation or bye-law issued under the Constitution or under any Central Act, shall be deemed to be the authoritative text thereof in such language.

(b): On enactment of Constitution of India on 26 January 1950, it was decided that the Official Language of the Union of India will be Hindi and its script Devanagari, it was also decided that the English language will also be used for the next 15 years along with Hindi. Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Oriya and Bengali are included in the Eighth Schedule of the Union.

(c): As per Data on Language and Mother Tongue in Census 2011 of India, the details of Hindi and English Speaking population in Non-Hindi states (Region C) is at annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3332 FOR ANSWER ON 16.03.2021 REGARDING “PUBLICATION OF GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS”

As per Census 2011 of India, the details of Hindi and English Speaking population in Non-Hindi states			
Sr.	State/UT	Hindi Speaking Population	English Speaking Population
1	Jammu and Kashmir	2612631	967
2	Sikkim	48586	112
3	Arunachal Pradesh	98187	108
4	Nagaland	62942	419
5	Manipur	31703	331
6	Mizoram	10677	61
7	Tripura	77701	54
8	Meghalaya	62905	311
9	Assam	2101435	1287
10	West Bengal	6356059	14945
11	Odisha	1239037	2154
12	Andhra Pradesh	3120413	13049
13	Karnataka	2013364	23227
14	Goa	150017	9765
15	Lakshadweep	160	1
16	Kerala	51928	4471
17	Tamil Nadu	393380	24495
18	Puducherry	6403	518
	Total	18437528	96275
