

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE STATUS FOR HINDI IN THE UN

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government of India has accelerated efforts for securing the official language status for Hindi in the United Nations;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government of India has allotted any fund for the said purpose; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a & b) The Government of India has accorded highest priority to

promotion of Hindi language and continues to take measures for its recognition and increased usage at the United Nations and other international platforms. Hindi is already one of the nine working languages at the UNESCO.

In September 2024, the UN General Assembly Resolution on ‘Multilingualism’ mentions Hindi language, encouraging the UN Department of Global Communications to continue disseminating important communications and messages in official as well as in non-official languages, including in Hindi.

(c & d) In 2018, a Voluntary Financial Contribution Agreement was signed between the United Nations and the Government of India to promote Hindi within the United Nations system. Pursuant to this Agreement, UN has launched Hindi social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram as well as a Hindi website of UN News. In addition, the UN broadcasts its programmes on the UN Radio website in Hindi; issues a weekly Hindi news bulletin on Sound Cloud; publishes a UN blog in Hindi and has provided a Hindi extension of the UN News Reader mobile application.
