GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3040 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2016

HINDI IN MISSIONS ABROAD

3040. SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons taught Hindi by the Indian Missions abroad during each of the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the country-wise details of regional Hindi conferences held abroad and the amount spent for the same during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (c) the amount spent on publication of books, CDs, etc. for promotion of Hindi abroad during the last three years, year-wise along with the success achieved in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) the number of persons taught Hindi by the Indian Missions abroad during the last three years are as under:

Year	No. of Persons
2012-13	2623
2013-14	3025
2014-15	3289

(b) the country wise details of the Regional Hindi Conferences held abroad and the amount spent for the same during the last three years are as under:

Year	Country	Amount (in Rs.)
2012-13	NIL	NIL
2013-14	South Korea	22,00,000/-
	Thailand	13,50,000/-
2014-15	United States of America	24,02,834/-
	Russia	16,25,951/-
	Mauritius	17,26,982/-

(c) the amounts spent on the publication of the books, CDs etc. for promotion of Hindi abroad during the last three years are as under:

Year	Amount (in Rs.)
2012-13	68,69,389/-
2013-14	84,49,753/-
2014-15	53,74,121/-

Publication and distribution of these books/CDs has helped in popularizing, propagating and promoting Hindi abroad and has created greater interest amongst the foreigners in learning Hindi.
