

PROGRESSIVE USE OF HINDI IN OFFICIAL WORK

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The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) is committed to promoting to use of Hindi in Official work during 2014-15 as per Annual Programme issued by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs and Official Languages policy of the Union. The matter pertaining to the use of Hindi in the Ministry is supervised by a Joint Secretary in-charge of Official Language. There is an Official Language Division of the Ministry headed by a Director, reports to the Joint Secretary.

A number of measures have been taken for encouraging use of Hindi in the official work. They are summarized below:

17.2 IMPLEMENTATION OF 3(3) OF THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE ACT

In pursuance of the official language policy of the Government of India, all documents covered under section 3(3) of the official language Act, 1963 are being issued both in English and Hindi. Action plan based on the check points identified in the Ministry has been prepared to ensure compliance of the Official Language Policy. Annual Programme and other orders/ instructions issued by the Department of Official Language were forwarded to all the sections of the Ministry and its subordinate/attached offices/ autonomous organizations for information and directives were issued for their compliance.

17.3 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE (OLIC)

An Official Language Implementation Committee (OLIC) has been constituted in the Ministry under the chairmanship of a Joint Secretary in-charge of the Official Language and its meetings are held regularly in each quarter. This Committee chalks out strategies to implement the constitutional provisions of Official Language Policy of the Union in the Ministry and its subordinate/attached offices/autonomous organizations with a view to achieve the targets prescribed in the Annual Programme issued by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs. The Committee periodically reviews the progress made in the use of Official Language (Hindi) and suggests and recommends measures to be taken for the effective implementation of the Official Language Policy. The subordinate/attached offices/autonomous organizations of the Ministry have also been instructed for convening their OLIC meetings regularly.

17.4 HINDI FORTNIGHT

In order to encourage the use of Hindi in official work amongst officers/employees of the Ministry, the Hindi fortnight was organized in the Ministry during 15-30 September, 2014. Various competitions such as Hindi essay writing, Hindi typing, Hindi noting/drafting, Hindi general

knowledge, Hindi dictation and self-composed poetry recitation were organized as many as 45 winners of these competition were awarded with cash prizes and certificates.

17.5 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE CONFERENCE/ SEMINAR

The Department has taken a new initiative of organizing Official Language Conference every year in the offices under its administrative control for the dissemination of Official Language Policy and creating conducive atmosphere for use of the Official Language Policy of the Union of India. Under this initiative, so far, three conferences have been organized at Bengaluru, Kannur and Delhi respectively.

In continuation of the series, the Ministry organized fourth Conference at HLL Life Care Limited, Thiruvananthapuram on 29th-30th December, 2014. In this two day conference, representatives of various offices along with Hindi Officers/ Employees of Thiruvananthapuram associated with Town Official Language Implementation Committee (TOLIC) participated.

On the opening day of the Conference, three sessions were organized namely 'Official Language Policy of the Union', 'Hindi, the Carrier of Civilization, Culture & Values', and 'Comparative Study of Hindi & Malyalam'. On the second day also, three sessions were organized namely 'Use of Unicode in Computer – A successful experiment in the field of Official Language', Points to be noted while filling Inspection Questionnaire of

Parliamentary Committee on Official Language' and 'Official Language Perspective in the Changing Scenario'. The conference was conducted by Shri Rajesh Shrivastva, Assistant Director (OL). Other main speakers of various sessions were – Dr. Shailender Kumar, Director, Shri D. K. Pandey, Director (OL), Prof. C.G. Rajgopal, Shri Ram Niwas Shukla, Deputy Director (OL) (MoHFW). The inauguration ceremony was conducted under the chairmanship of Dr. M. Ayappan, CMD, HLL Life Care Limited, Thiruvananthapuram. Vote of Thanks was presented by Shri Charan Singh, Deputy Director (OL). The participants were awarded Commendation letter and Certificates. The conference was a grand success.

17.6 'PRATIDINEKSHABD'

The Scheme named 'Prati Din Ek Shabd', is being run in the Ministry, that continued this year also. Under this scheme, one word/phrase in Hindi and its English version was being displayed on the Electronic Board installed on the first and third floor 'A' Wing, Nirman Bhavan. These words/phrases are generally of administrative and technical in nature, which are used in day-to-day official work.

17.7 INSPECTIONS REGARDING PROGRESSIVE USE OF HINDI

In order to achieve the targets laid down in the Annual Programme issued by the Department of Official Language, Officers of this Ministry inspected 18 subordinate offices under their administrative control situated in Kolkata, Shillong, Mumbai, Thiruvananthapuram, Guwahati and Delhi.