

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:466
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WORLD HINDI CONFERENCE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the World Hindi Conference held recently has urged the Government to initiate efforts to make Hindi an official language of the United Nations; and

(b) If so , the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) Yes.

(b) A High Level Committee, constituted under the chairmanship of Minister of External Affairs, with Minister of State (Sh. Digvijay Singh) as vice-chairman, will give direction to and supervise the efforts being made to get Hindi Language included as one of the Official Languages of the UNO.