

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS IN HINDI
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a very few Indian Embassies, Consulates and other offices located in various countries delivered/read out the President's Address in Hindi;
- (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to ensure use of Hindi during such important occasions?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

- (a) & (b) President's address on the occasion of Republic Day on 26th January 2007 was read out both in Hindi and English at about 120 Indian Missions abroad. Copies of both Hindi and English version of President's address were circulated by most Missions.
- (c) The officers and staff of the Missions generally speak in Hindi with guests on such occasions with people of Indian origin and Indians living abroad.