

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1626
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2008
WORLD HINDI CONFERENCE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the venue and dates of the next World Hindi Conference have been finalised;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the recommendations of the previous conferences have been implemented; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof.

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) No.
- (b) Doesn't arise.
- (c) & (d) Details are enclosed as an Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (C) & (D) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1626 REGARDING 'WORLD HINDI CONFERENCE' FOR ANSWER ON 10.12.2008

Implementation of Recommendations of WHC's

Eight World Hindi Conferences have been organized so far. Recommendations of these Conferences and follow up action details have been given below:-

1. Propagation of Hindi Language and propagation of Hindi among the people of Indian origin.

Action taken: -

Promotion and propagation of Hindi abroad is an on going activity of the Ministry. Hindi books, dictionaries, text books, story books for children, teaching aid material including CDs, Hindi software are sent regularly to Indian Missions abroad for donating these to local educational institutions and individuals engaged in teaching and propagation of Hindi. Hindi teaching abroad is also supported through financial assistance and payment of honorarium to local Hindi teachers.

2. Establishment of Hindi Chairs in foreign universities and strengthening Hindi-teaching activities abroad.

Action taken: -

At present there are 19 chairs of Indology set up in different universities abroad by ICCR.

3. World Hindi Day to be celebrated every year.

Action taken: -

World Hindi Day was celebrated for the first time by the Ministry and many Indian Missions abroad on 10th January 2006. This is a regular annual feature now.

4. Development of a Hindi website and use of Information Technology in propagation of Hindi.

Action taken: -

Hindi website of the Ministry was launched on 18th August 2006. Correspondence in Hindi is being done through e-mail also both at the headquarters and with Indian Missions abroad.

5. Publication of a World Directory of Hindi Scholars.

Action taken:-

A directory has been prepared by ICCR.

6. Recognition of Hindi as one of the Official Languages of the UN.

Action taken:-

An Advocacy Paper to mobilize support of Indians living abroad was prepared for mobilizing support.

7. Promoting Hindi teaching in Suriname.

Action taken:-

Hindi activities including Hindi teaching in Suriname is supported in a big way. Recently, assistance was extended for developing Hindi text books locally, payment of honorarium of Hindi teachers and for Hindi Pathshalas. Hindi books and dictionaries have also been sent in large number.

8. To ensure active and purposeful functioning of the World Hindi Secretariat, the Governments of India and Mauritius should extend all possible administrative and financial assistance to the Secretariat.

Action taken:

World Hindi Secretariat has started functioning from Feb 2008. Administrative and basic infrastructural arrangements have been provided by Mauritian & Indian governments. Both nations will contribute for the secretariat budget.

9. The Conference calls upon the Hindi lovers of the world, especially non-resident Indians and Indian nationals working abroad to assist in promotion and propagation of Hindi language and literature abroad.

Action taken:

Ministry of External Affairs has been in constant touch with Hindi Institutions and Indians abroad through Indian Missions and has been providing necessary infrastructural support regarding propagation of Hindi abroad.

10. Kendriya Hindi Sansthan should also contribute actively in promotion of Hindi abroad and preparation of Hindi syllabus.

Action taken:

Kendriya Hindi Sansthan of M/o HRD contributes actively in promotion of Hindi.

11. India should encourage use of Hindi at national and international level symposia and conferences.

Action taken:

Department of Official Languages, M/o Home Affairs issues necessary instructions in this regard from time to time.