

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO 18
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.02.2002

IMPLEMENTATION OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGE ACT

18. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) the arrangements made for effective implementation of the Official Language Act in various Government Departments;
- (b) the reasons for failure in the implementation of the Official Language Act despite several ambitious programmes;
- (c) whether the Government propose to constitute Official Languages Commission for monitoring the proper implementation of the Official Language Act; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a): Hindi Salahkar Samitis have been constituted for each Ministry. These are presided over by the Ministers concerned. The Samitis comprise official and non-official members. The Samiti suggests measures for progressive use of Hindi in official work. The Samiti reviews the implementation of Official Language Policy in their respective Ministries/Departments. Departmental Official Language Implementation Committees have also been set up under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary in-charge of Official Language in each Ministry. This committee reviews every quarter the progress made and suggests measures for achieving the targets fixed in the Annual Programme. Awards and incentives are given for promoting use of Hindi in official work by many Ministries/Departments.

(b): Implementation of Official Language Policy of the Union is done through motivation, incentives and goodwill. Accordingly, all Ministries/Departments are implementing the provisions of Official Languages Act and Official Language Rules and use of Hindi in official work is increasing continuously.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.