

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2129
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2003

PROMOTION OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

2129. SHRI ANANTA NAYAK

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

- (a) the funds earmarked during the last three years for the development of official language; and
- (b) the details of steps taken by the Union Government to promote official language?

ANSWER

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

(a): During the last three years (2000-01,2001-02 and 2002-03) in all a sum of Rs. 1050-00 lakhs under the Plan Programmes and Rs. 3681.00 lakhs under the Non-Plan Programmes respectively, have been allotted to Department of Official Language for the development of Official Language Hindi.

(b): Use of Official Language Hindi is being increased progressively through motivation and incentives, imparting training in Hindi language, Hindi stenography, Hindi typing and translation to the Govt. Employees by introducing various incentive schemes, through the activities of Samities constituted at various levels, inspecting Govt. Offices and by Publication of magazines in Hindi etc. Also a drive has been launched to promote the use of computers in official work in Hindi. Govt. are fully conscious of its constitutional obligations towards official language Hindi and are fully committed to discharge those obligations.