

**O.M. No. 14012/6/87-OL (C), dated 16.2.1988**

**Subject:**— Optional use of Hindi as medium of examinations for recruitment to subordinate services and non-technical posts.

Instructions were issued vide this Deptt. O.M. No. 1/14012/34/75-OL(C) dated 6.1.1976 that Hindi be allowed as an optional medium in the examinations conducted on regional or local basis for direct recruitment to services and posts in the subordinate offices of the Govt. of India located in Hindi speaking states. Vide O.M. No. 14012/6/87-OL(C) dated 21.5.87, it was clarified that these instructions were also applicable to the Undertakings owned or controlled by the Central Govt., Banks etc. situated in Hindi speaking states. Copies of both these O.Ms are annexed for ready reference.

2. The above instructions dated 6th Jan., 1976 and 21st May, 1987 were made applicable to the Central Govt. offices located in Hindi speaking states only. The matter of allowing similar option in the examinations for recruitment to services and posts in the offices of the Central Govt. and the undertakings owned or controlled by the Central Govt., Banks etc. situated in 'B' region, was under consideration in this Department. After considering various aspects of this matter, it has now been decided that the optional use of Hindi be permitted in the examinations conducted on regional or local basis for direct recruitment to the services and posts of the subordinate offices of the Central Government and Undertakings owned or controlled by the Central Govt., Banks etc. located in 'B' Region viz. the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Punjab and the Union Territory of Chandigarh, in the same way as is allowed for subordinate offices in Region 'A' vide O.M. dated 6th Jan., 1976.

3. All the Ministries and Departments of the Central Govt. are requested to bring this decision to the notice of all their attached and subordinate offices and undertakings, banks etc. and ensure its implementation.