

O.M. No. 14012/11/87-O.L. (C), dated 23.3.1988

Subject:—Option for the use of Hindi in the departmental examinations conducted for promotion to the posts or services of the Central Government.

All the Ministries and Deptts. were informed regarding this decision of the Central Govt. vide the Office Memorandum of even number dated 21st September, 1987 of this Deptt. Wherein it was mentioned that the candidates may be permitted to use either Hindi or English for answering the question papers of all the in-service departmental examinations as well as examinations conducted for the promotion to higher posts, including those conducted on All India basis in all the Ministries/ Departments and their attached and subordinate offices, irrespective of the region in which they are located. The question papers of these examinations may be prepared in both Hindi and English and where interview is required to be held, the candidates may be permitted to answer the questions in Hindi. It was also laid down in this very circular that these directions will also apply to all the corporations, undertakings and banks etc. owned or controlled by the Central Government.

2. All the Ministries and Departments were requested to bring these directions to the notice of all the concerned officers and request them that they should permit the optional use of Hindi in all the examinations to be conducted in future. On the basis of directions laid down in this Office Memorandum, all the Ministries and Departments were required to intimate their attached and subordinate offices, undertakings, corporations and banks etc. that they should also ensure compliance of this decision of Government. Hence, it is requested that this Department may kindly be intimated that Ministry of Finance etc. have issued orders to this effect to their attached and subordinate offices and orders to all the corporations, undertakings, bank, etc. too have been issued to ensure the compliance of these orders.