

O.M. No. 14012/9/89-OL (C), dated 27.6.1989

Subject:— Medium of examination for recruitment to posts and services under the Central Government—clarification while advertising vacancies.

Instructions were issued vide this Department Office Memorandum No: I/14012/34/75-OL(C) dated 6th January, 1976, that the optional use of Hindi may be allowed as alternative medium in examinations conducted for recruitment to services and posts in the offices of the Government of India located in Hindi speaking states. These instructions were made applicable to the offices of Public Sector Undertakings, Bank etc. owned or controlled by Central Government and located in Hindi speaking States vide this Department O.M.No: 14012/6/87-OL(C) dated the 21st May, 1987.

2. In spite of the above orders, it has come to the notice of this Department that the option of Hindi is not always available in examinations for recruitment in offices of the Central Government located in Hindi speaking states. The advertisements for recruitment published in newspapers, Employment News etc. also do not clearly state that the candidates will have the option to use Hindi in answering the question papers.

3. It is necessary to ensure that option for the use of Hindi must be allowed in all question papers except English in examinations conducted for recruitment to posts and services of Central Government offices, Public Undertakings, Banks etc. situated in Hindi speaking states. While advertising vacancies in newspapers and Employment News etc. The following instructions must be specifically kept in mind:—

- (i) Vacancies should be advertised in both the languages Hindi and English. If advertisement is published in English in the English newspaper, its Hindi version must also be issued for publication in Hindi newspaper.
- (ii) It must be clarified in the advertisements that option for the use of Hindi for answering all the question papers, except English, is available.
- (iii) It must be clarified in the advertisement that question papers will be made available in both the languages.
- (iv) The advertisement must also specifically state that the candidates can apply either in Hindi or in English if proforma for application is published in the advertisement, it must be in both Hindi and English languages.

4. The above instructions may be kept in view, while advertising vacancies by the Union Public Service Commission and staff Selection Commission for direct recruitment where option for the use of Hindi in examinations is available.

5. The Ministry of Finance etc. are requested to bring these instructions to the notice of their attached and subordinate offices/undertakings/banks etc. and are also requested to ensure strict compliance of these instructions. The Department of Personnel and Training are also requested to take necessary steps for compliance of these instructions by Union Public Service Commission and Staff Selection Commission.