

O.M. No. II/20015/21/94-O.L.(Policy), dated 6.1.1995

Subject:—Purchase of books in other Indian languages alongwith Hindi books—clarification regarding.

An issue was raised in the meeting of Hindi Salakar Samiti in respect of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions held on 12.5.94 as to whether the budget allocation of Ministries/Departments etc. earmarked for the purchase of Hindi books could also be used for purchasing books in other Indian languages.

The matter has been considered in the Department of Official Language and in pursuance of para 11 of Resolution No. 12019/10/91-O.L. (Int.), dated 26 January, 1992 issued by the Department of Official Language; it has been decided that it would not be tenable to make any alteration in the budgetary grant earmarked for the purchase of Hindi books. A fifty percent of the total budgetary grant allocated for the purchase of books for libraries of Ministries/Departments etc. is required to be spent on purchase of Hindi books and a *status quo* there if may be maintained. There is, however, no objection in the remaining amount being spent on purchasing books in other Indian languages specified in the Eighth Schedule of Indian Constitution alongwith books in English language. The Ministries/Departments etc. are themselves competent to purchase books in English and also the books in other Indian languages.