

O.M. No. 20034/53/93-O.L. (R&A), dated 31.5.1993

Subject:—Organising Hindi Workshops/Seminars/Conferences and All India Official Language Conferences—Follow up action on the recommendations of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language.

The Committee of Parliament on Official Languages, constituted in pursuance of section 4 of Official Languages Act, 1963 have made the following recommendations in their Report (Volume-IV) on the subject mentioned above:—

Recommendation No. 2 (a): Seminars, Conferences, Workshops etc. may be organized from time to time for bringing out a change in the attitude of the officers/employees and for imparting them comprehensive knowledge regarding the Official Language policy.

Recommendation No. 2(c): Each Ministry/Department may organize All India Official Language Conference once in a year.

2. As per the Resolution No. 12019/10/91-O.L. (Int.), dated 28.1.1992, issued by the Department of Official Language, the recommendations of the Committee have been accepted. According to para 1 of the Official Language Resolution as adopted by both the Houses of Parliament in 1967, the Central Government was entrusted with the responsibility to prepare and implement a more intensive and comprehensive programme every year for accelerating the progressive use of Hindi for official purposes of the Union as well as its propagation and development. In compliance with the Resolution, an Annual Programme is prepared by the Department of Official Language and is made available to all Central Ministries/Departments etc. Targets relating to the work to be done in Hindi by the Central Ministries/Departments/Offices/Undertakings/Corporations/Banks/Institutions etc. during the year are fixed in this Annual Programme. In order to ensure successful implementation of Official Language policy, it is essential to create an awareness amongst the Officers and employees and conditioning their mental make-up in the positive direction towards Official Language, so that they may do more and more official work in Hindi and make a headway ardently in the direction of achieving targets fixed in the Annual Programme. Keeping this objective in view, it is obligatory to organise seminars, conferences, workshops for bringing out a change in the attitude and a qualitative change in the mental make-up of the officers/employees for imparting them comprehensive knowledge regarding Official Language.

3. Although the ban orders imposed by the Ministry of Finance on organising conferences/seminars etc., have not been removed so far, however, some of the Ministries/Departments are still organising such conferences etc., in view of their importance. Therefore, the Ministries/Departments/Offices are requested to organise All India Official Language Conference once in a year.

4. In this context, it is once again requested that all the Ministries/Departments/Offices/Undertakings/Corporations/Banks/Institutions of the Government of India should comply with the decisions taken on the recommendations of the Committee. They are also requested to issue instructions to all attached and subordinate offices/undertakings/banks/institutions for compliance in this regard and a copy of the same may please be endorsed to this Department for information.