

O.M. No. 20034/53/92-O.L. (R&A), dated 17.7.1992

Subject:— Supply of Annual Programme regarding the use of Official Language Hindi and ensuring its compliance.

The Resolution regarding the Official Language Policy of Govt. of India was adopted in the Parliament in December, 1967 and the following was resolved in its para-1:—

"This House resolves that a more intensive and comprehensive programme shall be prepared and implemented by the Govt. of India for accelerating the spread and development of Hindi and its progressive use for the various official purposes of the Union..."

2. The resolution was notified on 18.1.1968 under No. F-5/8/65-O.L. by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Accordingly, Annual Programme is prepared for the progressive use of Official Language Hindi, which is issued to all the Ministries/Departments, Undertakings, Corporations, Commissions and Banks etc. for compliance.

3. The Committee of Parliament on Official Language, constituted in pursuance of section-4 of the Official Languages Act, 1963, made several recommendations in its Report (Volume-IV), one of which is regarding the timely distribution and compliance of the Annual Programme. Presidential orders regarding the recommendations contained in the Report were issued on 28.1.1992 by the Department of Official Language under Resolution No. 12019/10/91-O.L. (Int). The recommendation of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language in item 7 of the Resolution has been accepted and it has been decided that every year Annual Programme will be made available to all the Ministries/Departments by end of February and the concerned Ministries/Departments shall ensure its supply to their Attached and Subordinate Offices, Undertakings, Corporations, Commissions etc. and foreign based Indian Offices by end of April after procuring the required copies of the said programme and shall ensure strict compliance of the prescribed targets.

4. Accordingly, the Programme for the year 1993-94 will be published by February, 1993 and the Ministries/Departments shall arrange to procure its required copies for their offices from the Department of Official Language. In future also, all the Ministries/Departments shall ensure the supply of the Annual Programme to all their offices by the end of April after procuring necessary copies in the month of February.

5. So far as the achievement of the targets prescribed in the Annual Programme is concerned, Rule-12 of the Official Languages Rules, 1976, may please be referred to, according to which, it is the responsibility of the Administrative Head of every office to ensure that the provisions of the Act, the Rules and the directives issued to the employees and officers by the Central Govt. regarding the use of Official Language Hindi, are fully complied with.

6. In this regard attention is invited to the following directive, given by the Hon'ble Home Minister in the 21st meeting held on 02.12.1987 of the Kendriya Hindi Samiti which is an apex Committee constituted under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister:—

"I hope that the programme for the progressive use of Hindi in the official work of the Central Govt. would be strictly complied with."

This directive may please be brought to the notice of all concerned.