

**Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs
(United Nations Political Division)**

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Dated: 2nd July, 2018

Sir,

Please refer to your RTI application received in this Division on 07.06.2018.

2. The Information requested by you is replied as given below:

Government has been taking initiative to promote the spread of Hindi language worldwide. As per this effort Indian leaders have delivered statements at the UN and other international forums in Hindi. A World Hindi Secretariat has been set up in Mauritius in February 2008 to promote Hindi as an international language. Efforts to promote Hindi worldwide are also being made by our Diplomatic Missions abroad in coordination with Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) through activities such as establishment of Chairs of Hindi language in universities abroad, scholarship and fellowships to foreign student to study Hindi, internationally distributed publications such as "Gagananchal", and holding of various types of international conferences pertaining to Hindi.

Government of India has also taken steps to get Hindi recognised as official language of UNO. In light of this objective the 8th World Hindi Conference was organized in New York on 13th July 2007 and its inaugural session was held at the UN Headquarters which was attended by the UN Secretary General. At the last World Hindi Conference organised in Bhopal from 10-12 Sep. 2015 one of the sessions of the Conference was devoted to the theme Videsh Niti Mein Hindi ("Hindi in Foreign Policy") in which one of the recommendations reiterated was that Hindi should be made a UN language. A Committee has been established under the Chairmanship of External Affairs Minister for implementation of this and other recommendations made at the Conference. The United Nations is also broadcasting its programmes on the UN Radio Website in Hindi.

The question of addition of any language including Hindi in the list of official languages of the United Nations has procedural, financial and legal aspects. As a first step, a formal resolution needs to be adopted by a majority of the 193 member states of the UN General Assembly.

The procedure for inclusion as an official language in the UN involves adoption of a Resolution in the UN General Assembly by a simple majority and its final passage by a two-third majority of the total membership of the United Nations.

In the financial year 2017-18 Rs. 5 crores has been allocated for the propagation of Hindi worldwide through the Diplomatic Missions/Posts of India abroad. Allocations for this purpose over the last three years were: Rs. 3 cr. (2014-15); Rs 3cr. (2015-16) and Rs 4.99 cr. (2016-17).

Necessary arrangements were made for simultaneous interpretation of these statements in English by the Permanent Mission of India in New York. The Government of India's Necessary arrangements were made for simultaneous interpretation of these statements in English by the Permanent Mission of India in New York. The Government of India's sustained efforts have also ensured that the United Nations offers its programmes on the UN Radio Website in Hindi also.

3. If you are aggrieved with this reply, you may file an appeal with Shri V.P. Nair, Director (UNP) and Appellate Authority, UNP Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Room No. 2018, 'A' Wing, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, 23-D, Janpath, New Delhi-110011, Ph.: 011-49018413 within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

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CC to:

1. Under Secretary (RTI), MEA, New Delhi

Please Provide me answer of the following questions Under Section **6(1) and 6(3) of Right to Information Act 2005.**

1. What efforts has been made by government of India to promote Hindi as a global language
2. Whether Government of India has taken any steps to get Hindi recognized as official language of UNO (United Nations Organization). If yes than account in brief about it
3. From when (particular date or year) , Government started to made diplomatic moves to get hindi recognized as official language of UN.
4. Kindly provide me Xerox copy of any such proposal/application /official-legal document which has been submitted by Indian government in the United Nations for official accreditation of Hindi language in UN.
5. Please mention about the legal/official protocol or procedure of which this department is acknowledged cited by United Nations for recognition of any language as official language of UN
6. How much sum/amount/money expenditure has been spent till date in Government efforts for Recognition of Hindi as official language of UNO.
7. By when it is expected that Hindi will become official language in UN
8. What are achievements so far of Indian Government bid for recognition of Hindi as official language in UN

For any further clarification please contact me via e-mail

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