

CHAPTER XI

HINDI PROMOTION

11.1 The Ministry ensures progressive use of Hindi in official work. Hindi Section of the Ministry is responsible for monitoring and overseeing the implementation of various statutory provisions and policies as laid down in the Official Language Act 1963 and the Official Language Rules, 1976. Deputy Director and two Asstt. Directors and the associate staff work actively to promote the use of Hindi and Official Language Policy implementation. As on 31.12.2005, out of 460 officers/employees, 450 were either proficient in Hindi or having working knowledge of Hindi and out of 73 stenographers and 25 LDCs, 53 stenographers and 16 LDCs respectively have been trained in Hindi stenography and typing.

Departmental Official Language Implementation Committee

11.2 An Official Language Implementation Committee under the Chairmanship of the DG & CEO, NSSO, undertakes quarterly review of the progress made in the use of Hindi in the Ministry and its other offices. The compliance of the statutory requirements of the Official Language Act, 1963 is reviewed. To ensure a compliance of the section 3(3) of the Official Language Act, all resolutions, general orders, rules, notifications, agreements, administrative and other reports and Press communiques and other documents for laying on the table of both of the houses of the Parliament are issued bilingually (Hindi and English).

11.3 The officers of the Hindi Section of the ministry conduct inspections of the attached/subordinate offices to observe the position of the progressive use of Hindi and give necessary instructions on the lapses found therein.

Inspection by the Committee of Parliament on Official Language

11.4 The third Sub-Committee of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language inspected the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and Regional Office, NSSO (FOD), Bhubaneswar On 16.9.2005 and 10.01.2006 respectively to review the progressive use of Hindi in the respective offices.

Awards and Incentives

11.5 The **incentive scheme** for original noting/drafting in Hindi continued during the year. Two employees were given cash awards of Rs. 1000/- each (first prize) and three employees were given cash awards of Rs. 600/- each (second prize) during 2005-2006. A **“Hindi Pakhwara/Month”** is observed in the Ministry and also in its attached/subordinate offices during the month of September every year. This year the whole September month was celebrated as **"Hindi Month "**. During this period, eleven events were organized in which officers/employees of the Ministry participated enthusiastically. Winners participants who stood Ist, IInd, IIIrd and IVth were given away four prizes in each competition category worth Rs. 1500/-, Rs. 800/-, Rs.600/- and Rs. 500/- respectively. A special event **“Prashna Manch”** was organised in which questions on the Official Language Policy and activities of the Ministry were asked. For encouraging the use of Hindi in the official work and ensuring compliance of the provisions of the Official Language Act and Rules, a **“Rajbhasha Chal Vaijayanti”** is awarded to winner Section/Division/Unit on the occasion of the quarterly



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Presentation of Keshetriya Rajbhasha Shield.



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meetings of the Departmental Official Language Implementation Committee. For promoting the implementation of the Official Language Policy in the attached and subordinate offices of the Ministry, a **Kshetriya Rajbhasha Shield** is awarded to the office doing most of its work in Hindi and the offices those achieve IInd and IIIrd position, are given certificates as encouragement. **Computer Centre** was awarded **Kshetriya Rajbhasha Shield** for the year 2004-05. **Field Operation Division, New Delhi** and **Data Processing Division, Kolkatta** were awarded certificates for achieving IInd and IIIrd position respectively.

Hindi Training and Workshops

11.6 During 2005-06, 7 officers/employees were sponsored for training in Hindi, 7 for Hindi stenography and 4 for Hindi typing under the Hindi Teaching Scheme of the Department of Official Language. Two workshops were organised for officers of the Ministry to impart knowledge of the Official Language Policy and practice of Hindi noting/drafting.