

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2435**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH MARCH, 2021/ PHALGUNA 26, 1942 (SAKA)

RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

2435 # SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hon'ble President has accepted the recommendation number 5 of the Eighth report submitted by Committee on Official Language;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the above mentioned recommendation contains a provision that the Ministers and higher officials of Government would deliver or read their speeches, statements in the official language Hindi; and

(c) whether any concrete action plan has been prepared by Government to implement this recommendation, if so, the status thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The recommendation number 5 of the Eighth report by the Committee of Parliament on Official Language does not mention about speeches/statements by Ministers and higher officials of Government.

However, in recommendation number 105 of the Ninth report, the Committee of Parliament on Official Language has proposed that all dignitaries especially who can read and speak Hindi may be requested to

Give their speeches/statements in Hindi only. Hon'ble President has accepted this recommendation.

(c): It is to be noted that the Official Language policy of the Central Government is of persuasion, incentive and goodwill. The inherent spirit of Recommendation number 105 of the 9th Report by the Committee of Parliament on Official Language as accepted by Hon'ble President has been of persuasion and not compulsion.

To ensure implementation of the recommendations, guidelines are issued to all the Ministries/Departments and also reviewed from time to time.
