

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1177
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PROMOTION OF HINDI

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps for the promotion of Hindi language in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total expenditure incurred on organizing Hindi Pakhwara by different Ministries during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) the extent to which Hindi language is promoted through organising Hindi Pakhwara?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) & (b) As per Official Language policy of the Union, the use of Hindi is based on inspiration, incentive and goodwill. Department of Official Language provides training to work in Hindi to Central Government officials. Details of Award and Incentive Schemes of Department of Official Language to propagate the use of Hindi are annexed.

(c) Related information is being collected.

(d) The organising of Hindi Pakhwada in Government Offices helps in creating the atmosphere to work in Hindi and personnel get an opportunity to depict their talent in Hindi. This has a positive effect on the use of Hindi and it increases the use of Hindi.

Award Schemes

Rajbhasha Kirti Puruskar Yojna

This scheme has been initiated in the year 1986-87. The Ministries, Departments, Public Sector Undertakings, Boards/Independent bodies, Town Official Language Committees showing better performance in implementation of the Official Language Policy are awarded with Rajbhasha Shield under this scheme. The awards are evaluated by the committee constituted with the approval of Secretary, Department of Official Language consisting of Non-official members and the officers of the Department as well.

Category	Particulars	Awards
Ministries/Departments	Ministries with less than 300 officials Ministries with more than 300 officials	03 Shields 03 Shields
Public Sector Undertakings	PSUs located in 'A' Region PSUs located in 'B' Region PSUs located in 'C' Region	03 Shields 03 Shields 03 Shields
Boards, Independent Bodies, Trusts etc.	Boards etc. located in 'A' Region Boards etc. located in 'B' Region Boards etc. located in 'C' Region	03 Shields 03 Shields 03 Shields
Nationalised Banks	First and Second Awards for 'A', 'B' and 'C' Regions	06 Shields
Town Official Language Committees	One Award for TOLICs located in 'A', 'B' and 'C' Regions	03 Shields
In House Magazine	First and Second Awards for 'A', 'B' and 'C' Regions	06 Shields

Rajbhasha Gaurav Puruskar Yojna

(i) Rajbhasha Gaurav Puruskar Yojna (for Central Government Officials) Working or retired officers of Central Government are awarded cash prizes for Original Book Writing in Hindi. The evaluation is done by the Committee constituted with the approval of Secretary, Department of Official Language, consisting of Non-official members/Learned Persons and the officers of the Department as well. The award money for book writing is as under :-

First Prize	-Rs.1,00,000, a Certificate and a memento.
Second Prize	-Rs 75,000, a Certificate and a memento.
Third Prize	-Rs.60,000, a Certificate and a memento.
Consolation Prize	-Rs.30,000, a Certificate and a memento.

(ii) Rajbhasha Gaurav Puruskar Yojna (Original Book Writing Scheme on Gyan-Vigyan)

This scheme has been initiated in the year 2004-05 to promote the original writing in Hindi on various streams of modern knowledge and science. Any citizen of India can participate in this scheme. The evaluation is done by the Committee constituted with the approval of Secretary, Department of Official Language, consisting of Non-official members/Learned Persons and the officers of the Department as well. Thirteen cash prizes are given in this scheme as under :-

- (i) First Prize (One) -Rs.2 lakh, a Certificate and a memento.
- (ii) Second Prize (One) -Rs.1.25 lakh, a Certificate and a memento.
- (iii) Third Prize (One) -Rs.75 thousand, a Certificate and a memento.
- (iv) Consolation Prizes(Ten) -Rs.10 thousand, a Certificate and a memento to each winner.

(iii) Rajbhasha Gaurav Puruskar Yojna(for outstanding articles)

As per the Policy of the Government many incentive schemes are initiated to increase use of Hindi in official work based on inspiration, incentive and goodwill. An award scheme for the authors of outstanding articles published in the magazines by the Central Government Officials under the scheme. The authors of outstanding articles are awarded three prizes for two categories i.e. Hindi and Non Hindi. The Hindi authors are given cash prizes of Rupees Twenty Thousand, Rupees Eighteen thousand and Rupees Fifteen thousand and Non Hindi authors are given cash prize of Rupees Twenty Five Thousand, Rupees Twenty two thousand and Rupees Twenty thousand respectively.

INCENTIVE PROGRAMMES FOR CENTRAL GOVT. EMPLOYEES
ENCOURAGEMENT SUCH AS PERSONNEL PAY AND INCENTIVES FOR
EMPLOYEES OF CENTRAL GOVT. FOR PASSING EXAMINATIONS OF
HINDI TEACHING SCHEME

1. PERSONNEL PAY : With a view to encouraging central govt. officers/employees an incentive/Personal pay equivalent to one increment for 12 months is given on Hindi Language, Hindi Typewriting and Hindi Stenography Examination.

- i. Prabodh Examination : Personal pay shall be granted only to those Non gazetted govt. officers/employees for whom the Prabodh course has been prescribed as final course of study.
- ii. Praveen Examination: Personal pay shall be granted only to those govt. officers/employees (Gazetted/Non gazetted) for whom the Praveen course has been prescribed as final course of study.

(1) . Non gazetted officers who pass Praveen examination with 55% or above.

(2). Gazetted officers who pass Praveen examination with 60% or above.

- iii. Pragya Examination : Personal pay shall be granted only to those govt. officers/employees (Gazetted/Non gazetted) for whom the pragya course has been prescribed as final course of study.

- iv. Hindi word processing/ Hindi Typing : Personal pay equivalent to one increment for the duration of 12 months is given to Non-Gazetted employees of central govt. on passing Hindi word processing/Hindi Typing. In addition to this financial encouragement and other facilities, as given to Upper division clerks, is given to Assistant Translators, Lower Division Clerks, Lower Accounts Invigilators for whom training of Hindi Typing is not essential but useful-in abeyance with the conditions.

- v. Hindi Stenography : Personal pay shall be granted -

1. To the Non Gazetted employees on obtaining pass marks in the Hindi Stenography examination.

2. To the Gazetted Stenographer, on passing the Hindi Stenography examination with 90% or more marks.

Stenographers (Gazetted as well as Non-Gazetted) whose Mother Tongue is not Hindi will be granted personal pay equal in amount to two increments on passing Hindi Stenography examination. These increments will be absorbable in future increments. Those employees are eligible for two increments in the first year and only one increments in the second year.

Note : The Employees who are exempted from in-service Hindi Training are not eligible for any financial benefit/incentive.

Cash prizes : The following Cash prizes are given to employees who pass Hindi Prabodh, Hindi Praveen, Hindi Pragya , Hindi Word Processing/Hindi Typing and Hindi Stenography examinations with good marks.

(1). Prabodh:

1. For securing 70% or more marks - Rs 1600/-
2. For securing 60% or more marks but less than 70% marks - Rs. 800/-
3. For securing 55% or more marks but less than 60% marks - Rs. 400/-

(2). Praveen :

1. For securing 70% or more marks - Rs 1800/-
2. For securing 60% or more marks but less than 70% marks - Rs. 1200/-
3. For securing 55% or more marks but less than 60% marks - Rs 600/-

(3). Pragya :

1. For securing 70% or more marks - Rs 2400/-
2. For securing 60% or more marks but less than 70% marks - Rs.1600/-
3. For securing 55% or more marks but less than 60% marks - Rs 800/-

(4). Hindi word processing/ Hindi Typing:

1. For securing 97% or more marks - Rs. 2400/-
2. For securing 95% or more but less than 97% marks - Rs. 1600/-
3. For securing 90% or more but less than 95% marks - Rs. 800/-

(5). Hindi Stenography :

1. For securing 95% or more marks - Rs. 2400/-
2. For securing 92% or more but less than 95% marks - Rs. 1600/-
3. For securing 88% or more but less than 92% marks - Rs. 800/-
- (6). Lump sum amount given to those who pass Hindi Language, Hindi Word Processing/Hindi Typing, Hindi Stenography Examinations of Hindi Teaching Scheme with own efforts.

1. Prabodh Examination of Hindi Teaching Scheme Rs. 1600/-
2. Praveen Examination of Hindi Teaching Scheme Rs. 1500/-
3. Pragya Examination of Hindi Teaching Scheme Rs. 2400/-
4. Hindi word Processing/Hindi Typewriting Examination of Hindi Teaching Scheme Rs. 1600/-
5. Hindi Stenography Examination of Hindi Teaching Scheme Rs. 3000/-

The Employees who are exempted from in-service Hindi Training are not eligible for any financial benefit/incentives on passing Hindi Examinations.

The employees who pass Hindi Word Processing/Hindi Typing and Hindi Stenography Examinations of Hindi Teaching Scheme by using electronic Typewriter or Computer are also eligible for the Financial incentives, personal pay cash awards and lump sum amount given to Central govt. employees on passing Hindi Word Processing/Hindi Typing and Hindi Stenography Examinations of Hindi Teaching Scheme .

Note 1. Lump sum amount shall be given only to those Employees who are posted in such places where no training centre of Hindi Teaching Scheme exists or no arrangement for training of the concerned course is available.

Note 2. The candidates who qualify the Hindi Language. Typewriting and Stenography examinations of the Hindi Teaching Scheme through own efforts will be eligible for the above-mentioned benefits even if they secure 5% less marks than the prescribed percentage, while granting them the Cash Award in addition to Lump sum Award.

ii. Incentives for Stenographers and Typist for doing official work in Hindi other than English.

There is provision to grant an incentive of Rs. 240/- and Rs 160/- per month for Stenographers and Hindi Typist who do their official works in Hindi other than English.
