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## PROMOTION OF HINDI

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The Ministry together with its Subordinate offices/Public Sector Undertakings and Autonomous bodies continued to propagate and spread the use of Hindi during the year 2014-15. In addition to the Annual Programme issued by the Department of Official Language for the year 2014-15, specific directions received from the Department of Official Language and committee of Parliament on Official Language were circulated in all offices/organizations to ensure implementation of the statutory provisions of the Official Language Policy.

- The Ministry is fully computerized with bilingual facilities.
   Its website is bilingual and is regularly updated in both the languages. The websites of all the Subordinate offices/Public Sector Undertakings & Autonomous bodies under the administrative control of the Ministry are also in bilingual form.
- The Official Language Implementation Committee chaired by Joint Secretary (Admn) meets regularly to actively promote all facets of the Language. All Subordinate Offices/ Public Sector Undertakings/Autonomous Bodies under the administrative control of the Ministry also organize meetings regularly and lay emphasis on promoting the use of Hindi in official work.

- In order to accelerate the creative use of the Official Language, a Hindi-fortnight was organized during the month of September, 2014. On this occasion Hindi noting, drafting, essay and poetry competitions were organized for officers/ employees. Prizes were given away on Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 by the Secretary and effort was made to enlist more volunteers' in future promotional programs. Hindi journals/books were also purchased for the Library, and for circulation.
- Hindi workshops were organized together with structured programs in Hindi Language, Hindi Stenography and Hindi Typing.
- Officers/employees were encouraged to enlist with the Central Hindi Directorate for Certificate and Diploma courses, and the Prabodh, Praveen and Pragya programs especially designed for government servants.
- In addition to addressing their official work in Hindi, officers/employees were also encouraged to use Hindi as the language for posting their comments on social media websites.