

CHAPTER XVI

PROGRESSIVE USE OF HINDI

16.1 Ministry of Coal alongwith its Companies, subordinate offices and autonomous Bodies continued its efforts for propagating and spreading the use of Official Language Hindi during the year 2002-2003. The Ministry is committed to increase the use of the Official Language Hindi. To ensure implementation of the statutory provisions of OL policy of the Union and to achieve the targets set in the Annual Programme issued by Ministry of Official Language, instructions received from Ministry of Official Language, Committee of Parliament on Official Language and PMO are brought to the notice of the officers and sections of the Ministry as well as the coal companies, sub-ordinate offices and autonomous bodies under its control from time to time.

16.2 In order to increase the use of Hindi in day to day official work by the officers & staff of the Ministry, many incentive schemes have been introduced and special appeal/circulars are also issued from time to time. With a view to facilitate noting and drafting in Hindi, bilingual standard drafts, dictionaries etc. have been distributed to Officers/Sections of the Ministry.

16.3 Almost all the officers and staff of the Ministry have working knowledge of Hindi. English stenographers and typists are nominated for training in Hindi stenography/typewriting under the Hindi Teaching Scheme.

16.4 The last meeting of Hindi Salahkar Samiti of the Ministry was held on 20.8.2002 Non-official members of the Hindi Salahkar Samiti nominated as observers to the Official Language Implementation Committees of Companies/Offices under the Ministry are invited in these meetings regularly.

16.5 The Ministry is fully computerized and bilingual facilities for doing work in Hindi have also been provided in the PCs of all sections of the Ministry. Besides, the **Website** of the Ministry has been prepared in bilingual form (Hindi/English) and it is updated from time to time. Data relating to the quarterly report of the Ministry has been made available in the **Server** of the Ministry of Official Language.

16.6 During the period under review 16 more Officers/Staff of the Ministry have been specified under section 8(4) of OL Rule to do their official work in Hindi.

16.7 With a view to monitor the progressive use of Hindi in all the Companies /Subordinate offices of the Ministry, inspections are also carried out from time to time by the Ministry.

16.8 Hindi Fortnight was celebrated during September 2002 in the Ministry as well as in all the Companies/ Subordinate offices under its control. On this occasion, Kavi Sammelans and Prize Distribution Functions were organized in the Ministry as well as in all the Companies.

16.9 House Magazine “KOYAL” of the Ministry is under print. The magazine includes articles by Officers and staff of the Ministry as well as Companies/Subordinate Offices. Besides all the Companies/Subordinate Offices under the Ministry continued to publish Hindi edition of their journals viz. Khanan Bharti, Jyotsana, Saurabh, Vasundhara, Deshkaal Sampada, Pratibha regularly which play an important role in the progressive use of Hindi.

16.10 Coal India Limited bagged the prize from Kolkata Town Official Language Implementation Committee. CIL’s Hindi Journal “Khanan Bharti” was awarded the “Millennium Rashtriya Rajbhasha Shield” by the Rashtriya Hindi Academy, Roopambara, Kolkata at its National Convention at Mysore.

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