

14.1 A Number of provisions for the progressive use of Hindi for the purposes of the Central Government have been made in Official Language Act 1963 and under its Official Language Rule 1976. In compliance of there rules and provisions, since the year 1982, when the ministry came into force, Hindi Section has been set up in the ministry, whose functions are as under :-

(I) Translation work

(II) Work related to the implementation of Official Language Policy.

14.2 The ministry has taken important steps for the progressive use of Official Language Hindi, some of which are as under:

- A glossary of Non-Conventional Energy Sources has been prepared by Hindi Section of this ministry and the same is distributed to all the officers/staff of the Ministry.
- To encourage more and more notings in Hindi, notings of day to day nature have been printed on file covers in bilingual.
- Daily a new Hindi word is demonstrated at the entrance of the ministry.
- Standard Drafts and standard forms have been prepared in Hindi for the convenience of all officers/staff in the ministry.
- Addresses of Nodal Agencies have been prepared in Hindi.
- First day of every month is celebrated as Hindi Divas in the ministry. On this day every possible work is done in Hindi.

14.3 During the year 2010-11, various measures were taken for effective implementation of Official Language Policy in the Ministry.

All documents specified under Section 3(3) of the Official Language Act, 1963 were issued bilingually. Besides, Rule (5) of the Official Language Rules, 1976 was fully complied with by replying to all Hindi letters in Hindi only. Special emphasis was laid on increasing original correspondence in Hindi. As per the Quarterly Progress Report for the quarter ended on 30th September, 2010 the percentage of Hindi correspondence with offices in Regions 'A' and 'B' was 87.53% and 71% respectively.

14.4 In Order to review the progress made in the implementation of Official Language policy, quarterly meetings of Official Language Implementation Committee were held regularly. Discussions were held on quarterly progress reports received from various sections/divisions of the Ministry and shortcomings found, if any, were removed.

14.5 With a view to create awareness and to increase the use of Hindi in official work, a 'Hindi Fortnight' was observed in the Ministry during 1-15 September 2010. During the fortnight, a message was issued from Minister (NRE) regarding progressive use of Hindi. A number of



Meeting of the Hindi Advisory Committee being held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Farooq Abdullah, Minister for New and Renewable Energy at New Delhi

competitions were held which were well taken by officers and staff of the Ministry. Officers and staff members belonging to Hindi and non-Hindi speaking categories were given cash award and certificates for their excellent performances. Besides, Hindi Day/ Fortnight was also observed various offices and undertaking of the Ministry.

14.6 In order to promote the use of Hindi in official work, help literature and glossaries were distributed among the officers and staff. The process of purchasing of Hindi book has been completed. All advertisement were issued bilingual.

14.7 Hindi Noting & Drafting Incentive Scheme of the Department of Official Language was continued during the year and 4 officers/staff were awarded under this scheme.

Meeting of Hindi Advisory Committee

14.8 The tenure of Hindi Advisory Committee expired in April, 2008, the committee was re-constituted in October 2010. After it was reconstituted, the meeting was held on 21 Feb, 2011 under the chairmanship of Dr, Farooq Abdullah, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy. The committee suggested to improve its correspondence from 87% to 100 for 'A' region, organization of regular workshops, organize meetings and to have a separate chapter of Hindi in the annual report of the ministry and also to fill the vacant post in Hindi Division.

Prakartik Urja Puraskar Yojna

To promote book writing in Hindi or translation in Hindi related to the subjects of Non-Conventional Energy, Prakartik Urja Purskar Yojna has been implemented in the ministry, since 1988. Under this scheme, cash prizes of ₹50,000/-, ₹30,000/- and ₹20,000/- as the first, second and third prizes respectively and an appreciation letter signed by the Secretary is given to the awardee. 21 books have been awarded so far under this scheme. In the last 5 years. four books were awarded under this scheme.

details of which is given in **Table 14.1**.

Areas decided on the basis of use of Official Language

'A' Region-Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Andaman and Nicobar and Delhi Union Territory.

'B' Region-Maharashtra, Gujarat, Punjab and Chandigarh Union Territory.

'C' Region - Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Tripura, Tamilnadu, Nagaland, Sikkim, West Bengal, Orissa, Goa, Jammu and Kashmir, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Lakshadweep and Puduchery.

'भाषा के जरिए ही हम एक आदर्श समाज की कल्पना कर सकते हैं'

**– Dr. Manmohan Singh
Prime Minister of India**

Table 14.1 Books awarded under Prakartik Urja Puraskar Yojna

Sl.No.	Year	Title of the book	Writer	Publisher
1.	2005	-	-	-
2.	2006	Urja ke Vekalpic Shroto ki talash	Dr. Dinesh Mani	Sanskar Prakashan 4408, Nai Sadak, delhi- 110006-
3.	2007	Urja Kuch Nay Vikalp	Smt. Vinita Singhal	H- 61, Rama Park, Mohan Garden, Near Uttam Nagar, ND- 59
4.	2008	Vidhyut utpadan ki prayavaran Sammat taknike	Sh. Bajrang Lal Jethu	M. Jethkabas po. Dantru, Laxmangarh- 332311, Jila Sikar (Rajsthan)
5.	2009	Akshay Urja Prodhogiki- Ek Vyavharik Gyan	Sh. Chetan Sigh Solanki	Room No. 311, Dusra mala, Mechanical engineering Department, IIT, Mumbai.