

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2819
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.04.2000
POLICY FOR LANGUAGE TO BE USED FOR PUBLICATION .

2819. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government have fixed any policy regarding language or languages to be used for publication of code, manual and procedural literature;
- (b) if so, the details of the said policy;
- (c) what arrangements have been made to ascertain the enforcement of the said policy in an appropriate manner; and
- (d) the number of such cases reported to Government wherein the said policy has been violated during the last two years and the action taken by Government thereon ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a)&(b): Yes Sir. Rule 11 of the Official Language Rules (use for official purposes of the Union) provides that all manuals, codes and other procedural literature relating to Central Government Offices shall be printed or cyclostyed, as the case may be, and published in Hindi and English in diglot form.

(c): For compliance of this policy, orders were issued by the Government on 31.8.1976 and 8.9.1978. Its compliance is monitored by obtaining quarterly progress reports regarding progressive use of Official Language from the Ministries/Departments. Apart from this, the administrative head of each office has been made responsible for compliance of Official Language Policy under Rule 12 of the Official Language Rules.

(d): On the basis of the information furnished by the Ministries/Departments in the quarterly progress reports for the year 1998-99, the number of codes/manuals still pending for Hindi translation and the names of the Ministries/Deptts. to which they relate to, are given in the attached statement. In this connection, the Ministries/Departments concerned are asked to complete the translation work and the position is reviewed in the meeting of the Central Official Language Implementation Committee.