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Ministry of Coal is committed towards progressive use of Hindi in official work. It has accorded top priority to the implementation of Official Language Policy of the Government of India and is making result oriented efforts in this regard.

To oversee the day to day progress made in the use of Official Language Hindi in the official work and also to give suggestions regarding effective implementation of Official Language rules and Act in official work, there exists an Official Language Implementation Committee in the ministry. The meetings of the committee are held regularly and status of use of official language and implementation of various provisions of official language policy are reviewed therein. Four meetings of the committee were held during the year under review.

A message from Hon'ble Minister was issued to mark the Hindi Day wherein it was appealed to make every effort to increase the use of Official Language in official work. With a view to create consciousness as also to accelerate the use of Hindi as Official Language in official work in the Ministry, Hindi fortnight was organized from 01.09.2021 to 14.09.2021. On the occasion of Hindi fortnight, various competitions were organized for officers / employees in each category. Cash prizes were given to the winners of the competitions by Secretary (Coal). In order to do away with hesitation of officers and employees to work in Hindi, Ministry organizes Hindi workshop from time to time. Last year two Hindi workshops on technical subjects were organized.

The 3rd Sub Committee of Committee of Parliament on Official Language inspected Coal India Limited, Kolkata, a company under the administrative control of the Ministry on 28th October, 2021 to oversee the status of use of Hindi in Official work and to ensure that the provisions of Official Language Act and Rules made thereunder are properly complied with. In addition, with a view to oversee the status of the implementation of official language, 12 offices under the administrative control of the ministry were inspected by the ministry through video conferencing.

Ministry is running a small library for the personnel of the Ministry with more than 250 books on standard Hindi literature.

All the motivational and promotional efforts enumerated above have had a positive effect to increase the use of Official Language in the Ministry.

To suggest various ways and means to increase the use of Official Language in the official work, Hindi Salahkar Samiti has been constituted in the Ministry of Coal according to the guidelines of the Department of Official Language. The first meeting of the committee was scheduled on 30.12.2021, but was postponed due to unavoidable reasons.

Despite the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, every effort was made to achieve the target set in the annual programme of the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs.