

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO 531
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.05.2000
LOCAL LANGUAGES IN NORMAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENCE .

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

(a) whether Government would take steps to stop the deterioration of the use of local languages in normal Government correspondence and increased enrolment of students for the study of English;

(b) if not, whether the increased use of English among people normally using local languages is making local languages nearly obsolete; and

(c) can this be reduced by introducing the use of computer multiple translation and other modern devices?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI)

(a),(b) &(c): It is not true that the local languages are becoming obsolete. Use of computers and all available modern facilities can, and in fact are being used, to promote the local languages, wherever possible. In the matter of language Government of India is fully alive to its responsibilities as laid down in the Constitution and has been taking all necessary action.