10 OFFICIAL LANGUAGE POLICY

10.1 Hindi is the Official language of the Indian Union. The Ministry of DoNER is implementing the Official Language Policy of the Government of India for progressive use of Hindi. The Official Language Implementation Committee of the Ministry under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Admn.) monitored the progressive use of Hindi in its main secretariat and the offices under its administrative control. During the year 2013-14 four quarterly meetings of the Committee were organized and action has been taken on the decisions / recommendations of the Committee. The meeting of the Hindi Salahakar Samiti of this Ministry was organized on 10th September, 2013 under the chairmanship of Hon’ble Minister DoNER to review the implementation of the Official Language policy in this Ministry and in the offices under its administrative control. Necessary follow-up action was taken on the decisions taken therein.

10.2 In order to monitor the implementation of the Official Language Policy of the Government of India and necessary help in the translation work Dy. Director (O.L.), Asstt. Director (O.L.), Sr. Translator and Jr. Translator have been appointed in the Ministry.

10.3 During the year 2013-14 all the documents covered under Section 3(3) of the Official Language Act, were issued in bilingual form. All the letters received in Hindi were replied to in Hindi under Rule-5 of the Official Language Rule, 1976. Hindi fortnight was organized in the Ministry from 14th to 28th September, 2013 in which various competitions were organized and the participants winning the competitions were given cash prizes by the Hon’ble Minister. Four employees of this ministry were awarded cash prizes under the cash award scheme of the Department of Official Language called “Cash award scheme for promoting Hindi noting and drafting”. During the year, monitoring has been done in all the offices of the Ministry under its control by the officers of the Ministry and necessary instructions have been given in order to remove the difficulties in following the Official Language Policy in these offices. Under the Hindi teaching scheme of Government of India, the Deputy Director (OL) of this Ministry organized 2 days workshop in Guwahati, in January, 2014 which was attended by forty (40) officers and employees of offices, under the administrative control of this Ministry.