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RFQ: Third Party Evaluation - Central Hindi Directorate

1. INTRODUCTION - Central Hindi Directorate - At a Glance

Central Hindi Directorate was established under the Ministry of Education on 1st March, 1960. The raison detre of Central Hindi Directorate is to implement the following special directions for promotion of Hindi language ordained under article 351 of the constitution of India.

The Direction given under article 351 of the Indian Constitution for the development of Hindi Language is as under -

"It Shall be the duty of the Union to promote the spread of the Hindi language to develop it so that it may serve as medium of expression for all the elements of the composite culture of India and to secure its enrichment by assimilating without interfering with its genius, the forms, style and expressions used in Hindustani and in other languages of India specified in the eighth Schedule, and by drawing, wherever necessary or desirable, for its vocabulary, primarily on Sanskrit and secondary on other languages".

In keeping with above cited constitutional injunction the Central Hindi Directorate was set up way back on 10th March, 1960 as a subordinate office of the then Ministry of Education with a view to speed up the promotion, propagation and development of Hindi as also to strengthen its adoption as a robust medium of instruction of education. The Directorate undertook the task of implementation of several schemes for preparation of dictionaries in Hindi and various Indian and foreign languages. Simultaneously, the Directorate initiated several other extension programmes for the promotion and propagation of Hindi in the non-Hindi speaking states of the country. Ever since its inception the Directorate has passed through many vicissitudes during its long journey till date and also has had to cope with a multiplicity of fundamental changes. There has been exponential growth in the number of its programmes and its functional mechanism has also undergone tremendous changes. The Central Hindi Directorate, at present is executing several important programmes for the purpose of truly expressing all ingredients of the composite culture of India through the development, enrichment and propagation of Hindi. Keeping in mind the Directorate's previous contribution it may be stated that the Directorate is the top most institution in the country associated with the noble cause of development of Hindi.

2. The Central Hindi Directorate implementing several important scheme and programmes pertaining to the development, promotion and enrichment of Hindi such as the following ones :

1. Dictionaries

- (i) Hindi - Hindi Kosh
- (ii) Bhartiya Bhasha Kosh
- (iii) Videshi Bhasha Kosh

2. Correspondence Course

- (i) Hindi Certificate
- (ii) Hindi Diploma
- (iii) Advance Hindi Diploma
- (iv) Civil Service Hindi Course
- (v) Prabodh, Praveen and Pragya
- (vi) Basic Course in Hindi