

# A MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA

We are very much agitated by the news that the instruction in general and technical studies at higher level in the Central institutions and the entrance examinations of central government services are going to be held only in Hindi. We feel it as a hasty decision.

1.This act will create great loss to the people who are not in the Hindi belt and particularly to South Indian students. This decision is against the spirit of the constitution.

2.As our country is multilingual the Indian constitution has recognised 22 languages including four South Indian languages. Hindi and English are being used as official and associate languages by the Central government for administration.

3.The decision taken by the parliamentary committee in regard to Hindi affects us in two ways, from English and Hindi.

4.The latest recommendations of the parliamentary committee is completely rejecting the principle of our democratic age that all the recognised languages are equal. This was accepted by the Central government previously in the parliament.

5. Before giving such recommendations there should be discussion among the people of all recognised languages. The state governments are to be consulted and the decisions are to be accepted in the state assemblies. A democratic decision is to be taken on this issue after comprehensive discussion in the Indian Parliament.

6.Any changes if necessary are to be done in a process from the lower level to the higher level. Abrupt decisions without proper discussion will create difficulties to many.

7.We welcome the administration, instruction and entrance examinations in mother languages in all the states.

8. Opportunity should be there to all recognised mother languages in the entrance examinations of all central services.

9. English should continue as a link language between the centre and the states as long as the non Hindi regions wish it so. A promise to this effect was made in the parliament 60 years ago.

10. Easy methods of teaching English through mother languages is to be implemented as English is necessary for the study of various sciences in the world.

11. The opportunities for employment in central services and institutions are to be provided according to the proportion of the people using a particular language.

12. In the present situation the practice of using English in the common examinations is to be continued until the instruction in mother languages up to intermediate level is adopted.

13. Let the Central government restrain from creating intentionally unfavorable situation to non Hindi speaking students.

14. We request honorable president of India not to implement the recommendations of the parliamentary committee on language working under the Central Home Ministry until a democratic comprehensive discussion is made on this issue.

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