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Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Department of Official Language  
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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:- Use of Hindi words “अन्य भाषा-भाषी” or “हिंदीतर भाषी” in place of Hindi words “अहिंदी भाषी”.**

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It has come to the knowledge of Department of Official Language that a number of Ministries/Departments etc. of the Government of India have been using the Hindi words “अहिंदी भाषी” for the States/persons, whose official language/mother-tongue is not Hindi. The Hindi words “अहिंदी भाषी” has not been used anywhere in the Official Languages Act, 1963 and in the Official Languages Rules, 1976.

2. Hindi is the official language of the Union and the link language of the nation. Hence all the Ministries/Departments etc. of the Government of India are requested to use the Hindi words “अन्य भाषा-भाषी” or “हिंदीतर भाषी” in place of the words “अहिंदी भाषी” in their official work and in their in-house magazines and also request their attached/subordinate offices, undertakings, banks etc. to take action accordingly.

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