AERB is committed to implementation of Official Language policy of the Government of India. It has an established programme for the implementation of official language, Hindi in various official works. In addition to the regular official works and various translations into Hindi, AERB proactively initiates a series of activities for the propagation and implementation of the official language which include: various publications, training programmes, workshops, talks, annual competitions and divisional inspections.

AERB also contributes in the activities of Joint official language coordination committee of BRIT, Heavy Water Board, DCSEM, DPS and AERB.

The objective is to create favourable environment for the use of Hindi and to motivate and encourage staff members to do their work in Hindi. For promotion of Hindi some of the activities conducted during the year are given below.

12.1 PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR HINDI IMPLEMENTATION

(i) Regular meetings of Official Language Implementation Committee (OLIC) were organised to discuss on various issues related to effective use and implementation of official language in AERB.

(ii) DAE incentive scheme for working in Hindi has been introduced and employees are actively participating in the scheme.

12.2 PUBLICATIONS IN HINDI

(i) 10 AERB safety documents were translated in Hindi.

(ii) AERB Bulletin-2017 has been translated in Hindi.

(iii) 5 press releases were issued in Hindi and published in daily newspapers.

(iv) Licence, authorisation and inspection reports were issued in Hindi.

(v) Total 18,142 letters were sent in bilingual and 106 were sent exclusively in Hindi.

12.3 HINDI TALKS / WORKSHOPS / SEMINARS

(i) Four Hindi workshops were conducted on behalf of the Joint Official Language Coordination Committee. 11 officials of AERB participated in these workshops.

(ii) World Hindi Day was celebrated on January 10, 2018 on behalf of the Joint Official Language Co-ordination committee of AERB and four DAE units namely, DPS, HWB, DCSEM and BRIT.

Shri S. A. Bhardwaj, Chairman AERB was the Chief Guest of the programme on World Hindi Day. Dr. Damodar Khadse, a renowned Hindi author and member of Hindi Advisory Committee was invited as the Guest Speaker. He delivered a talk on ‘Hindi as a World Language’. On this occasion, Dr. Shweta Sharma from BARC hospital also delivered a talk on ‘Our Food and Health’. The talks were very informative for the participants. The programme was very effective and was well appreciated by the audience.
(iii) A Hindi Meet on ‘Experience Feedback from ACPSR & Associated Groups Involved in Safety Review of Kudankulam Atomic Power Units - 1&2’ was organised on June 28, 2018 inviting all eminent personalities (officers of AERB, BARC and NPCIL) who had contributed to the safety review and execution of KKNPP-1&2. Prof. A. K. De, the founder Chairman of AERB was the Chief Guest of the programme. Shri S. K. Mehta, Chairman, ACPSR LWR#1 delivered the keynote address in the Meet. A summary booklet on ‘Safety Review of KKNPP Unit-1&2’ based on the above report was released during the meet.

(iv) Hindi Day was celebrated on September 14, 2018 on behalf of the Joint Official Language Co-ordination Committee. The
event was dedicated to the great Hindi poet and lyricist, Late Shri Gopaldas Neeraj. The artists from various DAE units presented the old melodies written by the poet Neeraj.

Rajbhasha Awards

With a view to encourage the implementation of official language in AERB and honoring the personnel working in Hindi,
first time AERB has initiated ‘Rajbhasha Rolling Shield’ and ‘Rajbhasha Group Achievement Awards’. On the basis of the evaluation of works done by the divisions and personnel in the official language, RSD, AERB received Official Language Rolling Shield and a group of 6 personnel bagged the Group Achievement Award for official Language.

12.4 HINDI COMPETITIONS

Marking the Hindi Day Celebrations, a series of Hindi competitions are organised every year by the Joint Official Language Coordination Committee. AERB organised these joint Hindi competitions on behalf of the Joint Committee during September 4-7, 2018 at AERB auditorium. The competitions included Self-written Poetry, Story Telling, Extempore Speech and Quiz Competition. Officials of AERB won 11 prizes in these competitions and they were awarded on the occasion of Hindi Day.
To promote use of official language in day-to-day work, Hindi competitions were held in AERB in November 2018. Total 31 officers and staff members were awarded 88 prizes in three language groups. A prize distribution ceremony was organised on December 11, 2018. The highlight of the day was a talk on “Preparedness for Radiation Emergency” by Shri S. A. Sukheswalla, former Scientific Officer of AERB.