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[Despatch Abstract.]

NAGARI PRACHARINI SABHA, BENARES.

Recording letter from the Government of India forwarding
copy of letter from the Government of North-West Provinces and Oudh
stating that ~~that~~ Government declined to accede to the request of the---
to have its Resolutions published in the Local official Gazette.

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Dated 27 May

Received 3 June 1895

Enclosures -1

SUBJECT:

Forwarding Copies of the letter from
Govt of the North Western Province
relating to the proposed
of the Nagari Pracharini
Society published its Resolutions
in the local off. Gazette.

Note

There is no request what
the Resolution is for
this Govt

WITH ORDER

Notice.

"Kashi Nagari Pracharini Sabha" (Society for the Diffusion of Nagari, Benares).

The Managing Committee of the above named Society held a meeting on the 20th February 1895, which besides doing other business, passed the two following Resolutions with a view to complete the store of Hindi (literature) and decided to publish them for the information of the public.

A History of the Hindi Language.

The society will award a Silver Medal to the gentleman who will write the best book on the above subject, which, besides mentioning and fully describing the various kinds of Dramas, Tales (or Novels) etc. ought to give for answers to the ten following questions:-

1. What was the ancient language of India and what different forms did it assume?
2. Where, how and from what language did Hindi originate?
3. What changes did Hindi undergo from its origin till now, the changes being fully described and illustrated?

4. What was the state of Hindi among the general public in each century - who were the chief writers of each period, what works they wrote and on what subjects, and what language or dialect was chiefly used by each of them?

5. When was Prose writing introduced?

6. Who was the first Prose writer and what books did he write, illustrations from his books together with a history of Prose writing after him being given?

7. How many dialects of Hindi are spoken in India, what are their distinctive forms, and how is Hindi related to Bengali, Gujarati etc.?

8. What is the present state of Hindi?

9. What is wanting in the Hindi Prose of to-day?

10. What is the usual style of Prose writing, what are its defects, and how it should be improved?

This book should reach the society by the 31st of July 1895, which will appoint examiners

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on receipt thereof.

The book may be written in any language (Hindi, Urdu, English or Bengali, in a legible hand) but a Hindi version will be printed.

A Grammar of the Hindi Language.

The society will award a large Gold Medal to the gentleman who will write the best Grammar of the Hindi Language. The Grammar should be complete in all its parts and should be the best in every way. It should contain a full description of case endings, Affixes and the rule of syntax. It should be understood that the book is also to contain a full description of the innovations introduced into Hindi from foreign languages and of Hindi as it is written at present.

This book is not to be written in Urdu or Persian but Hindi and should reach the society by the 31st of January 1896, it will appoint examiners on receipt thereof.

Secretary

Gentlemen intending to write either or both of the two above mentioned works are requested to notify their intention to the Society without delay so that any other notices issued by the Society in connection with this subject might be sent to them.

Gentlemen sending either of these two works to the Society are requested to despatch it under a registered cover, so that there may be no fear of the book being lost.

An humble appeal to the Editors of Newspapers. The Editors of Newspapers are requested to give due publicity to the above mentioned Resolutions through their papers, so that the lovers of Hindi and the educated community at large may know of the same and endeavour to complete the store of Hindi (literature). It is to be hoped that the Editors will publish these Resolutions at least thrice in their respective papers.

(Sd.) Shyam Sunder Das,
Secretary,
Nagari Pracharini Sabha,
Benares City.

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V. S. S. S. S.
Registrar, Home Department.

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From

The Chief Secretary to Government,
North-Western Provinces and Oudh,
General Department.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Home Department.



100-CHIEF SECRETARY
31st May 1895
100-CHIEF SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF N
Dated Naini Tal the 4th May 1895.

Sir,

I am directed to resubmit the Vernacular document received with your letter No. 532 (Public) dated 28th March 1895 and, in accordance with request made in your letter, to enclose an English translation of the same.

I am to add that this Government received an exactly similar Hindi notice from Shyam Sunder Das, Secretary, Nagari Pracharini Sabha, Benares City, with a request that a brief notice of the Resolutions of the Sabha might be inserted in the Local Official Gazette. The applicant was informed in reply that the Government was unable to accede to the request made by the Sabha.

as there was no precedent for such a publication;
 and it was suggested that the offer of the gold
 and silver medal for the best grammar and
 history of the Hindi language should be advertised
 in the newspapers of the Province.

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(Sd) P. H. Spry

Under Secretary,

For Chief Secretary to Government,
 North-Western Provinces and Oude.

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Copy forwarded to the Government of
 Madras with reference to their letter No 976
 dated the 12th March last.

Home Department,

Dy. Secy,

(Public)

Almora, 27 May 1890.

Offg. Deputy Secretary to the Govt of India.