

Nehru's Plea For Simple Hindi

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Antagonism Against Urdu Deprecated

ALLAHABAD, April 6.—Prime Minister Nehru yesterday suggested that Hindi should be written in simple language which should be understood by all.

He referred to the criticism of Hindi in some parts of India and said, 'My servants read Hindi newspapers but they come and tell me that they do not understand anything. My point is that it should be written in a language which should be understood by all'.

The Prime Minister said that Sanskrit was more simple and easy than the present Hindi.

Hindi newspapers, he added, had enormous scope provided they got at the back of the Hindi readers. He said that Bengali literature was easily understood by people, and so was the case with Marathi and Gujarati. There was no divergence between the common man and the literature but in Hindi there was great divergence.

It was true that Hindi had been suppressed during the British rule but it did not apply now. Instead of developing their own language Hindi lovers were pulling down other language—Urdu. 'So long as there is antagonism against Urdu, Hindi can not develop', he said.

From literary point of view, he said, it was absolutely essential that Hindi should be concise, simple and there should be short sentences.—P.T.I.