Applications are invited from suitably qualified Mauritian candidates for the award of four scholarships offered by the Central Hindi Institute, (Kendriya Hindi Sansthan), Agra, India, for specialized Diploma courses in Hindi for Academic Year 2013/2014. The courses are as follows:

(i) Diploma in Hindi Language Proficiency;
(ii) Advanced Diploma in Hindi Language Proficiency; and
(iii) Postgraduate Diploma in Hindi.

2. Eligibility Requirements

Qualifications for:

(a) Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses:

(i) SC/GCE ‘O’ Level with credits in at least five subjects obtained at one and the same sitting; and

(ii) HSC/GCE ‘A’ level in three subjects at principal level obtained at one and the same sitting, with Hindi as one of the Principal subjects.

(b) Postgraduate Diploma

(i) SC/GCE ‘O’ level with credits in at least five subjects at one and the same sitting;

(ii) HSC/GCE ‘A’ level in three subjects at principal level obtained at one and the same sitting, with Hindi as one of the Principal subjects; and

(iii) A first degree (Hons, General or Joint) in Hindi of at least Second Class/Division level.
3. **Age Limit**

Candidates should not have reached their 35\textsuperscript{th} birthday by the closing date, and must not be less than 21 years of age.

4. **General conditions**

4.1 **Economy class air fare** for shortest route is provided. However, return journey fare will be given **only** on completion of the full academic programme.

4.2 The nominees will each be given a scholarship of Indian Rs 3,500 per month for living and meal expenses and a book grant of Indian Rs 1000/- per annum.

4.3 A monthly hostel maintenance fee of Indian Rs 250 along with a one-off library security deposit of Indian Rs 500 would be charged. However, the Library Security Deposit would be refunded at the end of the academic session.

4.4 Nominated candidates will compulsorily have to stay in hostel, where **only** vegetarian food will be served.

4.5 **Nominated candidates will be admitted to the appropriate course after a Proficiency Test at the Institute, evaluating their suitability for the course.**

4.6 Candidates should ensure that originals, along with copies of certificates, transcripts of final university results/marksheets and all other relevant documents relating to their qualifications, are submitted to the Scholarships Section **by the closing date.** Non submission of same by the closing date will result in elimination from the selection exercise. The certified copies of **all** documents (**if not in English**) **should be accompanied with English Translations.**

4.7 **Once nominated**, candidates will be expected to:

(i) submit a medical certificate;

(ii) submit a character certificate from the Head of an Educational Institution or from the Head of Department of a University; and

(iii) make arrangements to submit a recommendation letter from an expert of Linguistics/Hindi or of a Lecturer/Reader/Professor/Director of any Institute/University.

4.8 Candidates are reminded that being nominated by the Ministry does not automatically guarantee final selection for an award. The final decision to award the scholarship rests with the institution of the donor country.
4.9 Beneficiaries of scholarships will be required to sign an undertaking, thereby committing themselves to return to Mauritius immediately after completion of their studies and work for at least two years in the public or private sector.

5. **Mode of Application**

5.1 Applications must be made on the prescribed form available at the Scholarships Section, Ministry of Education and Human Resources, 1\textsuperscript{st} Floor, MITD House, Phoenix, or downloaded from the Ministry’s website:

http://ministry-education.gov.mu

Additional information on the course is available from the Scholarships Section and on the website of the Ministry.

Candidates are strongly recommended to consult same.

5.2 The completed Application Form along with all supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section of the Ministry by *Thursday 6 June 2013 at 14.00 hours at latest*.

5.3 Responsible parties of applicants not in Mauritius may apply on behalf of their wards.

5.4 Applicants already in employment, whether public or private, must fill in the application forms in duplicate. One copy thereof along with the relevant supporting documents should be submitted to the Scholarships Section, and one copy to the applicant’s employer to enable the latter to decide on the release of applicant for the course, and if so, on what terms and conditions. **Such information should be made available by the closing date.**

6. A Communiqué will be placed on the Website of the Ministry in due course to inform applicants that the nomination exercise has been completed.

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31 May 2013

Ministry of Education and Human Resources
MITD House, Phoenix