

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No-25

ANSWERED ON- 04/12/2023

INTRODUCTION OF SANSKRIT AS NATIONAL LANGUAGE

25. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to introduce Sanskrit as National Language;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether English and German languages are derived from the Sanskrit language; and
- (d) if so, the details including any study conducted by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b): No Sir. The National Education Policy, 2020 prioritizes multilingualism and lays stress on making efforts to keep all Indian languages including Sanskrit, relevant and vibrant. The policy has recommended that teaching and learning of Indian languages should be integrated with school and higher education, so that students have the option of studying in any Indian language. Accordingly the Government is updating vocabularies and dictionaries in multiple Indian languages, making reading material available in Indian languages for school and higher education and also building the capacity of teachers to teach in Indian languages.

(c) & (d): No such study has been undertaken regarding the origin of English and German languages.
