

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF SANSKRIT LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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- (a) The allocation made in the current five year plan for schemes formulated for the development of Sanskrit language ;
- (b) Whether the Government proposes to formulate any action plan for promotion of Sanskrit language ;
- (c) If so, the details thereof ;
- (d) The funds allocated for implementation of the said action plan ;
- (e) Whether the Government proposes to teach the Sanskrit language as a compulsory subject in the schools; and
- (f) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D.PURANDESWARI)

(a) The Ministry of Human Resource Development operates a Central Plan Scheme called "Development of Sanskrit Education" for which an amount of Rs. 65.00 Crore has been allocated in the Xth Five Year Plan (2002-2007)

Apart from this, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi an autonomous body under the administrative control of Ministry of HRD, which has now become a Deemed University also implements various schemes for development of Sanskrit for which an amount of Rs. 91.71 crore has been allocated in the Xth Five Year Plan.

(b)&(c) The Ministry of Human Resource Development already has a project named "Development of Sanskrit Education" for promotion of Sanskrit Education with the following components :

- i) Samman Rashi to eminent Sanskrit pandits in indigent circumstances
- ii) Award of Scholarships to students of High/Higher Secondary Schools
- iii) Providing facilities for teaching of Sanskrit in Secondary Schools
- iv) Modernization of Sanskrit Pathshalas
- v) Grants to State Governments, Deemed Sanskrit Universities and NGOs for various schemes for promotion of Sanskrit
- vi) Central Grant to Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan/Deemed Universities/ CBSE/ NCERT/SCERT etc.

Besides, there are 11 Sanskrit Universities in the Country, 8 of which receive grants from the Ministry of Human Resource Development. The Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, a deemed University implements several schemes for development, preservation and promotion of Sanskrit learning all over the country. For the XIth Five year Plan (2007- 2012), the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan has formulated various new proposals in addition to their ongoing schemes. Some of these are: Establishment of new Campuses, Online/Non- formal Sanskrit Education Programme and Sanskrit through internet etc.

- (d) Demand for funds for these project have been projected to the Planning Commission.
- (e) No, Sir.
- (f) Does not arise.