

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION AND PROPAGATION OF SANSKRIT .
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate any action plan for the promotion and propagation of Sanskrit language;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the provision made for the allocation of funds for the implementation of this action plan; and
- (d) the schemes prepared for the promotion and propagation of Sanskrit language during the last three years?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The Government is already promoting and propagating Sanskrit Language through its three deemed Central Sanskrit Universities, viz. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSkS), New Delhi; Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth (SLBSRSV), New Delhi and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth (RSV), Tirupati.

(c) For the 11th Five Year Plan, an amount of Rs.175.00 crores has been allocated for RSkS. Besides this, the UGC has allocated Rs.11.62 crores for SLBSRSV, New Delhi and Rs.9.665 crores for RSV, Tirupati under UGC plan grants. Thus a total amount of Rs.196.285 crores has been allocated for development of Sanskrit.

(d) The RSkS is implementing the several schemes for promotion of Sanskrit Language. These include financial Assistance for Sanskrit teachers to the Traditional Sanskrit Pathshalas/Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas; Teachers for Modern Subjects in Traditional Sanskrit Pathshalas/Mahavidyalayas; Sanskrit teachers for Secondary/Higher Secondary schools belonging to State Government Schools; grant of Samman Rashi to Eminent Sanskrit Pundits in Indigent Circumstances; financial Assistance to NGOs/Deemed Sanskrit Universities/Universities for various Programmes/Activities for promotion of Sanskrit. The RSkS is also giving financial Assistance for Publications, bulk Purchase of Sanskrit Books, Shastra Chudamani scheme; for conducting "Vocational Training Courses" to the students of Traditional Sanskrit Pathshalas; scholarships to Students of Sanskrit and financial assistance to institutions recognized as Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas/Shodh Sansthans.

The RSV, Tirupati is implementing various schemes like Centre of Excellence (Under which thrust areas like Shastravaridhi, Publications, Audio-Video Documentation, Sanskrit-Net & E-content Development etc. have been identified and developed with the financial assistance of the UGC to the tune of Rs.3 crores), Annadanam Scheme (Under which meals are provided to students at a subsidized cost of Rs.10/- per diem with the financial assistance from the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams), 'Earn while you learn' Scheme (In order to provide suitable job opportunities to the pass-outs of the University even when they pursue their academic career by being on campus) and Valmiki Ramayana Project, Sanskrit-Science Exhibition and preparation of Encyclopedia on Agamas etc.

SLBSRSV is functioning with the objective to preserve Shastraic tradition, undertake interpretation of the Shastras, relate relevance of the Shastras to the problems in the modern context, provide means for intensive training in modern as well as Shastraic lore for teachers, and achieve excellence in its disciplines in order to have a distinct character of its own.