

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

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SANSKRIT-ENGLISH DICTIONARY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Sanskrit to English dictionary project, undertaken by the Deccan College Post Graduate and Research Institute, Pune is still stuck in the first alphabet as reported in the media;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any measures to speed up the completion of the said project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the total funds allocated to the project till date and the total projected cost of the Dictionary being prepared by the said institute; and
- (f) the time by which the said Dictionary is likely to be published?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The "Encyclopedic Dictionary of Sanskrit on Historical Principles" is a project initiated by the Deccan College, Pune. The Dictionary is based on an entire reading of the original texts and a fresh extraction of the material from 1500 books. Many eminent scholars have contributed to preparation of a Scriptorium which houses 90 lakh slips. So far, 8 lakh slips/data references have been edited and published in the form of Dictionary articles. Still, 82 lakh slips / data references remain to be edited and published. Deccan College, Pune has so far published upto volume 9, Part-I in 25 bindings. The last entry in the last binding ends with the word "vioxZ" which is the first alphabet in Hindi.
- (c) & (d) The Government has taken a number of measures to speed up the completion of the said Project. The Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan has been monitoring the progress of the Project. The Government has also approved appointment of editorial staff of the Project on contractual basis for speeding up the work.
- (e) The Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS) has been releasing annual grant for the Project from the year 1991-1992. Since 1991-1992 upto 2009-2010, a total amount of Rs.560.91 lakh has been released by RSKS.Total estimated cost of Project is to be Rs. 2500 lakh.
- (f) The project envisages completion in a period of 50 more years.