

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

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

- (a) whether the interest in Sanskrit education in the country is gradually decreasing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective action being taken to promote Sanskrit education in the country;
- (c) whether the Union Government has assisted the State Governments financially and otherwise in this regard;and
- (d) if so, the details of the assistance extended to various States during the last three years for promoting Sanskrit education, year-wise and State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The number of enrollment in Sanskrit have remained stable in the Government Institutions. Government of India is promoting Sanskrit Language through Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS), New Delhi, Shri Lal Bahadur Shasrti Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth (SLBRSV), New Delhi, Rahstriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth (RSV), Tirupati and Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishtan (MSRVVP), Ujjain. Further there are 944 Sanskrit Colleges/Centres affiliated to different Sanskrit Universities being funded by University Grants Commission (UGC). UGC provides funds for teaching and research in Sanskrit. UGC also provides grants to selected Universities for development of Higher Education and Research in Sanskrit under Special Assistance Programme (SAP).

(c) & (d) Government of India does not provide grants directly to the State Governments for promotion of Sanskrit Education. However, Government of India provides assistance for implementing various schemes in different States, through its Institutions/Universities.