

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

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WORLD SANSKRIT CONFERENCE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 15th World Sanskrit Conference was held in Delhi recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to conduct more such Conferences in future?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, sir.

(b) 15th World Sanskrit Conference (WSC) was organized by Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi in association with International Association of Sanskrit Studies (IASS) affiliated to UNESCO with its headquarters at Paris, from 5th January, 2012 to 10th January, 2012. The Conference was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. 203 scholars from 32 foreign countries and more than 1000 scholars from India participated in the conference. Technical sessions on various themes in twenty sections – Veda; Linguistics; Epics and Puranas; Tantra and Agamas; Vyakarana; Poetry, Drama and Aesthetics; Sanskrit and Asian Languages and Literatures; Sanskrit and Science; Buddhist Studies; Jain Studies; Philosophies; Religious Studies; Ritual Studies; Epigraphy; Sanskrit in Technological World; Modern Sanskrit Literature; Pandit-parishad; Kavisamvayah; Law and Society; and Manuscriptology, were organized during the conference. During this period a series of exhibition entitled Visvavara was organized alongwith book fair & Sanskrit theatre.

(c) The WSC is being held after three years in different parts of the world as decided by IASS.