

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2813  
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BASAVA STUDY CENTRE  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Lord Basaveshwara was a great social and religious reformer of Karnataka during 12th century;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is also aware that his teachings through Vachana (poems) are most relevant to the present day society;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to set up a Basava Study Centre to promote research on his works;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Lord Basaveshwara was a poet –philosopher of Kannada language who started Vachana movement in Karnataka in the 12th century. He spread social awareness through his poetry known as Vachanas. His teachings on abolition of caste system, gender based inequality, untouchability and dignity of labour are most relevant to present day society.

(e) to (g): The Central University of Karnataka has informed that they have sent a proposal to the University Grant Commission for setting up of Sharana, Sufi and Daasa Studies Centre at the University, which comprises of Basava studies.