

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

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR SANSKRIT SCHOOLS/UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of the Sanskrit Schools/Universities in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the funds and the other resources allocated to such Sanskrit Schools/Universities during the last three years, and the current year;
- (c) when the Government proposes to launch any scheme to provide Sanskrit Scholars with employment and to promote the use of Sanskrit at home and abroad; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) The information regarding number of Sanskrit Schools in the country is not maintained in this Ministry. However, as per the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the number of State-wise Sanskrit Universities, including Deemed Universities, in the country are as follows:-

S.No.	Name of the State	Number of Universities	Nature of Universities
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1	Deemed University
2.	Bihar	1	State University
3.	Delhi	2	Deemed Universities
4.	Gujarat	1	State University
5.	Kerala	1	State University
6.	Maharashtra	1	State University
7.	Orissa	1	State University
8.	Rajasthan	1	State University
9.	Uttar Pradesh	1	State University

(b) The details of grants released to the Sanskrit Universities, including Deemed Universities, during the last three years and the current year is annexed.

(c) & (d) There is no proposal to launch any scheme to provide Sanskrit Scholars with employment and to promote the use of Sanskrit at home and abroad by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. However, under the Scheme for Development of Sanskrit Education, 2007, the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, a Deemed University, provides financial assistance for the following major activities:-

(i) Financial assistance for Sanskrit Teaching (a) towards salary of Sanskrit teachers for Traditional Sanskrit Pathashalas/Schools/Mahavidyalayas, (b) Teachers for Modern subjects in Traditional Sanskrit Pathashalas/Mahavidyalayas and (c) Sanskrit teacher for Secondary/Higher Secondary Schools.

(ii) Samman Rashi to Eminent Sanskrit Pandits in indigent circumstances.

(iii) Financial Assistance for Utilisation of services of retired/ eminent literary Sanskrit Scholars (Shastra Chudamani).

(iv) Financial Assistance to NGOs/Deemed Sanskrit Universities/Universities for various Research Projects and Programmes/Activities for promotion of Sanskrit.

(v) Financial Assistance for Publication, Re-print of Rare Sanskrit Books and Bulk Purchase of Sanskrit Books.

(vi) Financial Assistance to Registered Academic Organisations to Conduct "Prayogik Prasikshan" for Vocational training courses for the students of Traditional Sanskrit Pathashalas/Institutions.

(vii) Financial Assistance to Universities/Deemed Universities/CBSE/NCERT/ SCERT etc. to improve standards of Sanskrit teaching.

(viii) Award of Scholarships to Students of Sanskrit Pathashalas/ Mahavidyalayas/High/Higher Secondary Schools/Colleges.

(ix) All India Sanskrit Elocution Contest.

(x) In addition, a Presidential Award Scheme is also in place to honour eminent Sanskrit Scholars, under which there are 16 Certificates of Honour (including one International Certificate), and 5 Maharishi Badrayan Vyas Samman for young scholars, annually. The Presidential Award carries a one-time grant of Rs.5 lakh while Maharishi Badrayan Vyas Samman carries a one-time grant of Rs.1 lakh.