

**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, State-wise and year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b) The number of student enrolled of students in Sanskrit has increased and the grants released by the Government of India for Sanskrit education have also increased correspondingly. The Government of India is promoting Sanskrit Language through the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS), New Delhi, the Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi, the Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati and the Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan (MSRVVP), Ujjain. Further there are 1057 Sanskrit Colleges/Centres affiliated to different Sanskrit Universities being funded by the University Grants Commission (UGC). The UGC provides funds for teaching and research in Sanskrit. The UGC also provides grants to selected Universities for the development of Higher Education and Research in Sanskrit under the Special Assistance Programme (SAP).

(c) & (d) The Government of India does not provide grants directly to the State Governments for the promotion of Sanskrit Education. However, it does provide assistance to schools, colleges and universities located in different States through UGC and RSKs for implementing its various schemes. The details of assistance extended to the universities of various States during last three years are as under:-

(Rupees in lakhs)

Sl.No. Name of Institution/ Universities 2009-2010 2010-11 2011-12
& (Funded by)

1. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi (By MHRD)	8510.00	8748.00	10800.00
2. Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi (UGC)	1714.61	1798.00	2057.20
3. Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh (UGC)	1779.07	1448.36	1869.32
4. Kameshwar Singh Darbhanga Sanskrit Vishwavidyalay, Darbhanga, Bihar (UGC)	Nil	Nil	196.36
5. Shri Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Kerala (UGC)	Nil	285.94	Nil
6. Shri Jagannath Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Puri, Orissa (UGC)	105.50	85.76	235.25
7. Sampurnand Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (UGC)	90.00	138.85	Nil
8. Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratisthan, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh (by MHRD)	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00