

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2617
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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 reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated or is contemplating to formulate any new scheme for the development and propagation of Sanskrit language and if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated for the purpose; and
- (d) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for the development and propagation of Sanskrit language in the country?
- ANSWER

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam. The number of students enrolled in Government owned Sanskrit institutions has increased and the grant released by the Govt. of India for Sanskrit education to various institutions has also increased correspondingly.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) The Government of India is promoting the 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 Maharishi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vdiya Pratishthan (MSRVVP), Ujjain. Further there are 1057 Sanskrit Colelges/ 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). The details of financial assistance extended to the Universities during the last three years are as under:-

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Institution/ Universities	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
1	Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS), New Delhi,	8510.00	8748.00	10800.00
2	The Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi,	1714.61	1798.00	2057.20
3	Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati	1779.07	1448.36	1869.32

4 Kameshwar Singh, Nil Nil 196.36
Darbhanga Sanskrit
Vishwaivdyalaya,
Darbhanga, Bihar

5 Shri Sankaracharya Nil 285.94 Nil
University of
Sanskrit, Kalady,
Kerala

6 Shri Jagannath 105.50 85.76 235.25
Sanskrit
Vidyapeeth, Puri,
Orissa

7 Sampurnanad 90.00 138.85 Nil
Sanskrit
Vidyapeeth,
Varanasi, Uttar
Pradesh

8 Maharishi Sandipani 1200.00 1200.00 1200.00
Rashtriya Veda
Vdiya Pratishthan
(MSRVVP), Ujjain.