

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

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SHORTAGE OF SANSKRIT TEACHERS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Sanskrit Universities in the country are facing shortage of teachers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of Sanskrit teachers in the Central Universities in the country;
- (d) the details of the curriculum of Sanskrit in the said universities;
- (e) the extent to which the teacher-student ratio is lower in Sanskrit Universities in comparison to the prescribed ratio norms for other Universities; and
- (f) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Higher Education has seen vast expansion during the last decade, particularly during the 11th Five Year Plan. Due to this, the institutions of Higher Education in the country have been facing the problem of a shortage of qualified faculty, and Sanskrit Universities are no exception to this. The details of the shortage of faculty in Sanskrit Universities funded by the Ministry and the University Grants Commission (UGC), as on 31.3.2012 are given in the Appendix. Information in respect of Universities not funded by the UGC is not maintained centrally.

(c) Twelve Central Universities in the country have Sanskrit Departments where 137 Sanskrit teachers are working.

(d) This information is not maintained centrally.

(e) No study has been made to compare the teacher-student ratio in Sanskrit Universities with that of the traditional Universities.

(f) A Task Force on Faculty Shortage constituted by the Govt. of India under the Chairmanship of Prof. Sanjay Dhande, the then Director, IIT Kanpur, has submitted its Report on 9.8.2011. An Implementation Monitoring Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Sanjay Dhande, has been constituted in January, 2012 to implement and monitor the recommendations of the Task Force on Faculty Shortage and Design of Performance Appraisal System. This Ministry has directed the UGC and the concerned Sanskrit Universities to take necessary steps for filling up the vacancies on an urgent basis.