

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:291

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SANSKRIT UNIVERSITIES

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of courses offered at Deemed/State level Sanskrit Universities in the country;
- (b) the teacher-student ratio in each of the above Universities at present;
- (c) the medium of instruction at these Universities;
- (d) whether some of these Universities do not have Sanskrit as a medium of instruction for conducting classes and exams;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard and the initiatives taken to re-vitalise Sanskrit education in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.291 FOR REPLY ON 09.12.2009 REGARDING SANSKRIT UNIVERSITIES BY SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK AND SHRI SHIVRAJ BHAIYA

(a) to (e): According to University Grants Commission (UGC), there are 11 Sanskrit Universities out of which 3 are Deemed Universities and 8 are State Universities. The details of university-wise courses offered along with their medium of instruction and the details of teacher-student ratio in the Deemed/State-level Sanskrit universities is given at Annexure-I.

(f): The Universities are autonomous in character especially in the matter of courses conducted and their medium of instruction.

The Government of India had set up the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan in New Delhi in 1970 as an autonomous organization fully funded by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education chiefly for propagation, promotion and development of Sanskrit education in the country. It was granted the status of a Deemed University from 7th May, 2002. The Sansthan has 11 campuses and 78 affiliated institutions, and it aids, promotes, and coordinates research in all the branches of Sanskrit learning including teachers training and manuscriptology, to bring out inter-linkage with the outcome of modern research in the contextually relevant fields and to bring out publications. It also acts as a nodal agency for Government of India to implement their policies and programmes for the development of Sanskrit. The Sansthan extends financial assistance to Sanskrit organizations, institutions, Sanskrit Pathshalas and Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas/Shodh Sansthans all over the country besides extending financial assistance for teachers for modern subjects in Traditional Sanskrit Pathshalas/Mahavidyalayas and for Sanskrit teachers for secondary/higher secondary schools belonging to State Government for promotion of Sanskrit.

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi was established in 1962 with the objective of preserving learning of Shastras as well as promotion of Sanskrit Language, literature, philosophy through teaching and research. The institution was declared as Deemed to be University in the year 1987. The Institution provides courses of study from Shastri to Vidya Vachaspati (D. Litt.) and is offering diploma in Vedic Literature and conducting refresher courses for teachers. It also offers programmes leading to two degrees, namely Vidya Vridhi (PhD) and Manod Uppadhi (Honorary D. Litt.).

Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati was established in 1986 with the objective of preserving learning of Shastras as well as promotion of Sanskrit Language, literature, philosophy through teaching and research. The Institution was declared as 'Deemed University' in the year 1987. It provides courses of study in various disciplines ranging from Prak Shastri (Intermediate) to Vidya Vridhi (Ph. D) and Diploma and Certificate courses.