

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

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SANSKRIT IN CBSE SCHOOLS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of students who have opted Sanskrit as core and elective subject in CBSE schools;
- (b) whether CBSE is taking initiative to improve the communication skills of Sanskrit teacher in its schools;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;and
- (d) the steps taken by CBSE to encourage their students to take up Sanskrit as subject in the schools?

**Answer**

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

- (a): In Class XII Board Examination, 2009 conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), 22977 students chose Sanskrit as a core subject and 2819 students opted for Sanskrit as an elective subject.
- (b) and (c): CBSE has conducted teacher's empowerment programmes and has brought out textbooks,workbooks and support material.
- (d): CBSE has introduced communicative approach to teaching and learning Sanskrit in classes IX and X and has also brought out suitable textbooks in Sanskrit.