

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has been celebrating 'Sanskrit Week'during each of the last three years;
- (b) if so,the salient features of 'Sanskrit Week'; and
- (c) the amount spent by the Government on the above occasions during the said period?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSkS),Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha,which are Deemed Universities,have been celebrating 'Sanskrit Week'every year in the month of August. The last day of 'Sanskrit Week',coinciding with Shravana Punima (Raksha Bandhan Diwas) is observed as the 'Sanskrit Diwas'.These Universities have been organizing programmes to highlight the importance of Sanskrit language and its heritage, conducting literary and cultural competitions for students in essay writing, debate, antyakshari,music,dance,drama etc.,and the winners are awarded prizes at the end of the competitions.Different Universities spend different amounts for the purpose of celebration of the 'Sanskrit Week'.