

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

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PROMOTING HINDI AND SANSKRIT  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of State-established universities in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the above universities which are not having Departments of Hindi and Sanskrit;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to open the Departments of Hindi and Sanskrit in these universities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken to promote Hindi and Sanskrit in universities?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): According to the University Grants Commission (UGC), there are 460 State/ State Private Universities in the Country, established by State Legislatures. As per available data with the UGC, out of these Universities, 232 Universities do not have a Department of Hindi and 239 Universities do not have a Department of Sanskrit. The details are at Annex.

(c) & (d): The universities have autonomy in academic matters, including opening new Schools and Departments, since they are governed in such matters by their respective Acts, Statutes and Ordinances. However, the UGC provides financial assistance to a State University to open a Hindi Department, on receipt of request from that University. The UGC has provided grants to open Hindi Departments in 13 Universities located in non- Hindi speaking areas, during the XIth Plan.