

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

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PROMOTION OF SANSKRIT LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts being made by the Government to promote Sanskrit in view of the increasing influence of other languages in the country;
- (b) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate any new scheme for promotion and propagation of Sanskrit in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the amount of funds proposed to be allocated for the said scheme; and
- (e) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) The Government of India is promoting Sanskrit Language through its three Deemed Universities, viz. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS), New Delhi, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (SLBSRSV), New Delhi, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (RSV), Tirupati and through an autonomous organization, Maharishi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan (MSRVVP), Ujjain. RSKS and MSRVVP are directly funded by Government of India whereas SLBSRSV and RSV are funded by the UGC. Besides UGC also provides funds for teaching and research in Sanskrit to State Universities and Colleges. RSKS is implementing special schemes for promotion of Sanskrit in the country, which include financial assistance to Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas/ Shodh Sansthans, Shastra Chudamani Scheme, Financial Assistance to Sanskrit teachers, Financial Assistance to NGOs for promotion of Sanskrit, assistance to Sanskrit Scholars in indigent circumstances, award of scholarships to students of Sanskrit, publication of books in Sanskrit etc. Besides, there is also a Scheme for Presidential Award of Certificate of Honour to Sanskrit Scholars. Maharishi Badrayan Vyas Samman has also been introduced from the year 2002 for young scholars between the age group of 30-40 years. From the year 2008, the scheme was further extended to cover one international award for NRI or foreigner for their lifetime achievement in the field of Sanskrit.
- (b) No, Madam.
- (c) to (e) Does not arise.