

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

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

- (a) whether there is a shortage of Sanskrit teachers in the Sanskrit universities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the extent to which the existing student-teacher ratio in these universities is less than the specified norms/levels compared to other universities; and
- (d) the reformatory steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Some teaching posts are lying vacant in the three Deemed Sanskrit Universities under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, viz. (i) Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS), New Delhi, (ii) Sri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (SLBSRSV), New Delhi, and (iii) Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (RSV), Tirupati.

(b) The details of faculty position in the Sanskrit Universities under this Ministry are at Annexure – I.

(c) The Teacher-Student Ratio as per the University Grants Commission (UGC) Guidelines at Post-Graduate level is 1:15 and at Under-Graduate level is 1:30. The Teacher-Student Ratio of the three Sanskrit Deemed Universities under this Ministry is at Annexure – I.

(d) The Universities have been requested to advertise the vacancies from time to time and have them filled up. In the meantime, Universities have been engaging faculty on contract basis to fulfil the teaching requirements. In order to mitigate the situation arising out of the shortage of teachers, the Ministry has extended the age of retirement of teachers from 62 to 65 years. Even retired teachers can teach, if physically fit, upto the age of 70 years. After the Sixth Pay Commission, the salary and promotional avenues of teachers have been made more generous to attract young talent to the teaching profession.
