

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

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Promotion of Language

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

- (a) whether the Government has constituted expert panel to deliberate on issues related to Sanskrit as a part of its attempt to promote the language in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the composition of the panel;
- (c) the time by which the panel is expected to submit its report to the Government;
- (d) whether the Government had earlier set up a panel for promotion of classical languages;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the recommendation given by the panel;
- (f) the action taken by the Government on the recommendation; and
- (g) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to develop Sanskrit language in future in the country?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) This Ministry has constituted a Committee on 18.11.2015 under the chairmanship of Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati, to suggest a long term vision and roadmap for next few years for the development of Sanskrit. The composition and the Terms of Reference of the Committee is at Annexure-I.

(c) The Committee is expected to submit its report within three months from the day of its constitution.

(d),(e)&(f) Yes, Madam. In 1956, the first Sanskrit Commission was set up. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan was established on 15th October, 1970 as Nodal Agency for the effective implementation of various recommendation made by the First Sanskrit Commission. The Second Sanskrit Commission was set up on 10th January 2014. This Commission was asked to submit its recommendation within one year but it could not submit its report within that period and the Commission's term expired on 9.1.2015.

(g) The Government has constituted the Committee as stated at part (b) of the reply above, for the development of Sanskrit language.