

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

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Sanskrit at Premier Institutes

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to introduce Sanskrit as a subject at premier educational institutions like Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institutes of Science Education & Research (IISER) and other higher institutions of learning in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is also planning for revival of old Sanskrit schools and opening up of pathshalas where Vedas will be taught along with other subjects and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is further planning to constitute a board like Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) affiliating Sanskrit-medium schools, colleges, universities and research institutions; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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(a) to (d) The Ministry of Human Resource Development commissioned a study on development of Sanskrit in various educational institutions under the Chairmanship of Shri N. Gopaldaswami, former Chief Election Commissioner. The report of the Committee is available at http://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Report-CVRM.pdf. The report inter-alia suggested that in institutions like Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), Indian Council Of Historical Research (ICHR), Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs), Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIITs), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Central Universities and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) approved technical colleges, a Sanskrit Cell may be created to facilitate study of Science and Technology in Sanskrit literature and inter disciplinary study of various modern subjects and its corresponding subjects in Sanskrit literature. The report has been circulated to all concerned institutions for implementing the recommendations of the committee which are implementable within the existing policy framewor