

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

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

- (a) the names of States where Sanskrit has been accorded the status of second language;
- (b) whether Sanskrit is compulsory in any State from First to Twelfth standard; and
- (c) if so, the details along with the classes wherein Sanskrit is taught as a subject in the schools recognized by CBSE?

Answer

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

- (a) Sanskrit has been accorded the status of second language only in the State of Uttarakhand.
- (b) No, Madam.
- (c) As far as the schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) are concerned, Sanskrit is offered by schools in 34 out of 36 States and Union Territories of the country. Sanskrit language can be studied as an optional subject in CBSE affiliated schools in VI to XII.