

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

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SANSKRIT SCHOOLS /UNIVERSITIES

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

- (a) the number of Sanskrit Schools/Universities in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the funds and other resources allocated to such Sanskrit Schools/Universities during the last three years and the current year, State-wise, year-wise;
- (c) whether there is shortage of teachers in Sanskrit schools and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to launch any scheme to provide Sanskrit Scholars with employment and to promote the use of Sanskrit at home and abroad; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) There are three Deemed to be Universities, ten State Universities and one autonomous body to promote Sanskrit language, which are as under :

- 1 Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Deemed University
New Delhi.
- 2 Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Deemed University
Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, New Delhi.
- 3 Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Deemed University
Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh).
- 4 Shri Jagannath Sanskrit State University
Vishwavidyalaya, Puri (Orissa).
- 5 Shri Shankaracharya University State University
of Sanskrit, Kalady (Kerala).
- 6 Sampurnanand Sanskrit State University
University, Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh).
- 7 Kameshwar Singh Darbhanga State University
Sanskrit University, (Bihar).
- 8 Kavi Kulguru Kalidas Sanskrit State University
University (Maharashtra).
- 9 Jagadguru Ramanandacharya Rajasthan State University
Sanskrit University, Jaipur (Rajasthan).
- 10 Shree Somnath Sanskrit State University
University, Junagarh (Gujarat).
- 11 Karnataka Sanskrit University, Karnataka. State University
- 12 Uttarakhand Sanskrit University, State University
Uttarakhand.
13. Maharishi Panini Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, State University
Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
- 14 Maharishi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Autonomous Body
Pratishthan, Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh).

There are no Sanskrit Schools under Central Government as such. However, Sanskrit is being taught in schools as part of the curriculum.

(b) The details of the funds spent for the Sanskrit promotion programme by this Ministry/UGC during the last three years, institution-wise is at Annexure-I. The details of funds spent State-wise are at Annexure-II.

(c) & (d) Does not arise.

(e) & (f) The Government of India has no proposal to launch any specific scheme to provide Sanskrit Scholars with employment; however, the Government is taking all steps for protection, propagation, preservation and development of Sanskrit language, literature and rare Shastras, by funding three Sanskrit Deemed Universities viz. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS), New Delhi, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (RSV), Tirupati, Sri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (SLBSRSV), New Delhi and Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan (MSRVVP), Ujjain. There are 21 Adarsha Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas (ASM), 4 Adarsha Shodha Sansthans (ASS), 11 campuses under RSKS, 73 Vedic Pathshalas and 294 Guru Shishya Parampara Units under MSRVVP which are given financial assistance.

The Second Sanskrit Commission has been constituted in January, 2014 to assess the present status of Sanskrit education in all its aspects and to integrate traditional Sanskrit knowledge into the modern system of education.

The Scheme of Award of 'Certificate of Honour' to honour the eminent scholars of Sanskrit and 'Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman' to honour young scholars in Sanskrit are in force. An International Award for Non Resident Indian or a foreigner is also covered under this scheme.