

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

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PROMOTION OF SANSKRIT LANGUAGE

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to nurture Sanskrit Language in various parts of the country specially in Southern States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the simple methodologies adopted to promote its day-to-day usage;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated so far during 2014-15; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of the Sanskrit Institutions in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b) Yes Madam. The Government of India is taking all steps for nurturing, 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 an autonomous body viz. Maharshhi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan (MSRVVP), Ujjain.

There are 21 Adarsha Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas (ASM), 4 Adarsha Shodha Sansthans (ASS), 11 campuses and 63 affiliated institutions under RSKS. There are 74 Vedic Pathshalas which are run by the NGOs/Trusts and 286 Guru Shishya Parampara Units at present under MSRVVP.

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.

Sanskrit is being taught at the levels of school, under graduate, post graduate and research in these Universities/Institutes. There are certain Schemes for the promotion of Sanskrit Language, viz. financial assistance to institutions recognised as ASM/ASS, financial assistance towards salary for teachers for Sanskrit and modern subjects in traditional schools, vedic pathshalas, guru Shishya parampara units, mahavidyalayas, and Secondary/ Higher Secondary Schools, financial assistance to NGOs / Institutes / Research Programs & Projects / Activities for promotion of Sanskrit language, financial assistance to registered academic organizations to conduct 'Prayogik Prasikshan' for vocational training courses for the students of traditional Sanskrit Pathshalas/institutes, Samman Rashi to eminent Sanskrit Pandits in indigent circumstances, financial assistance for publication, re-print of rare Sanskrit books and bulk purchase of Sanskrit books, financial assistance for utilization of services of retirees/eminent literary Sanskrit scholars (Shastra Chudamani), financial assistance to universities/deemed universities/CBSE/NCERT/ SCERT etc. to improve standards of Sanskrit teaching, Award for scholarship to students of Sanskrit pathshalas/mahavidyalayas/high/higher secondary schools/colleges, All India Sanskrit Elocution Contest, organising of Sanskrit Shibirams and Samskruta Saptaham (Sanskrit Week) in Sanskrit institutes etc.

S. No. Institute Budget Allocation (In Rupees Lakhs)  
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1	Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi.	9700.00	7343.00
2	Sri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, New Delhi	160.00	2189.00
3	Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan, Ujjain	2500.00	00.00
4	Rashtriya Sanskrit	00.00	1889.00

(c) The Budget Estimate for the year 2014-15 is as :

(d) 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.