

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

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CONSERVATION OF SANSKRIT LANGUAGE
Azad Shri Kirti (JHA)

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

- (a) whether vedic schools have been established in the country by the Government for conservation of Sanskrit language;
- (b) if so, the budget allocated for the purpose till date since their establishment;
- (c) the details of the measures taken by the Government for conservation of Sanskrit along with the number of vedic schools in the country; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to modernise these schools and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) No, Madam. The Government has not directly established any Vedic School. However, an autonomous organization under Ministry of Human Resource Development namely Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan (MSRVVP) has been established in 1987 to preserve, conserve and develop the oral tradition of Vedic education for which the Pratishthan undertakes various activities to support traditional Vedic Institutions/Schools all over the country.

(b) Budget allocation to MSRVVP since its inception to till date is Rs. 15033.61 Lakh.

(c) The Government of India 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.

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 including an International Award for Non Resident Indian or a foreigner.

There are certain Schemes for the promotion of Sanskrit Language, viz. financial assistance towards salary for teachers for Sanskrit and modern subjects in traditional schools 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, Award for scholarship to students of Sanskrit pathshalas/mahavidyalayas/high/higher secondary schools/colleges and All India Sanskrit Elocution Contest etc.

There are 21 Adarsha Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas (ASM), 4 Adarsha Shodha Sansthans (ASS), 11 campuses and 63 affiliated institutions under RSKS.

(d) Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan (MSRVVP), Ujjain is providing financial assistance to 74 Vedic Pathshalas which are run by the NGOs/Trusts and 286 Guru Shishya Param- para Units at present.

MSRVVP, besides the study of oral tradition of Veda, makes arrangement to teach students Sanskrit, English, Mathematics and Social Sciences to integrate their learning with mainstream education.