

Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4258
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.01.2019

PROMOTION OF SANSKRIT

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

- a) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote Sanskrit language in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;
- b) whether it is a matter of concern that Sanskrit language is getting out of use now a days and if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether Sanskrit teachers are likely to be appointed on the lines of absorption of teachers of other languages in schools and colleges;
- d) if so, whether the Government proposes to provide any special package to improve the worsening condition of Sanskrit teachers; and
- e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENT**

(DR. SATYAPAL SINGH)

(a) to (e): The Government is promoting Sanskrit language at all levels viz. schools, colleges and universities in the country. Sanskrit is taught as the third language to all students of classes VI to VIII of Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country. The facilities and option to study Sanskrit is also provided all students of Class IX onwards at Kendriya Vidyalayas. NCERT also organizes Orientation and Capacity Building Programmes in the promotion of language education in various States including Uttar Pradesh.

There are 13 Sanskrit Universities with 1057 number of affiliated colleges in the country. University Grants Commission (UGC) has been providing Development Assistance to seven Sanskrit Universities to promote Sanskrit language including Sampurnanand Sanskrit University in Uttar Pradesh. Further, the General Development Assistance is also provided by UGC to all the eligible State Universities for the purpose of Sanskrit development. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS), a Deemed University provide funds to schools for the promotion and development of Sanskrit all over the country through its Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas/Shodha Sansthans scheme etc. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan has also established its two campuses at Allahabad and Varanasi. Further, three Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas at Vrindavan, Mainpuri and Varanasi are also funded by RSKS under its Scheme of Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas. The appointment of teachers in schools and colleges are done as per the norms/recruitment rules and there is no differentiation between the teachers of Sanskrit and other languages.
