

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1140**  
ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025

**GENUINE STUDY AND RESEARCH IN VEDIC ASTROLOGY**

1140. Dr. Ajeet Madhavrao Gopchade:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Bombay High Court has remarked that astrology is a science, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Ministry to promote genuine study and research in Vedic Astrology, and to establish a Standing Advisory Board for Astronomy; and
- (c) the initiatives taken by the Ministry, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, to oversee the rapidly expanding astrological sector, and check fraudulent activities by unscrupulous astrologers, especially those providing online astrology consultations?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (c): As per the Constitution of India, education is a subject listed in the Concurrent List empowering both the Union government and the State governments to legislate on educational matters.

The Government of India promotes research and study of India's traditional knowledge systems, including Vedic sciences, through academic, research, and institutional measures. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has formulated guidelines for the introduction of courses based on Indian Heritage and Culture, including astrology & vedic mathematics and has requested all Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) to take necessary steps as per guidelines.

Ministry of Education has approved a central sector scheme "Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS)" with an outlay of Rs 405.78 Cr for the next five year commencing from 01.04.2025 to 31.03.2030. Under the IKS scheme, various research projects and internships in observational astronomy (Drik jyotisha), and model based astronomy (Siddhanta Jyotisha) for panchanga calculations, and corrections to calendar systems have been supported.

The Government of India has approved the “Gyan Bharatam Mission” a Central Sector Scheme with an aim to preserve, document, and disseminate India’s rich manuscript heritage for the period 2024-31 with a total allocation of ₹482.85 crores

The Department of Science & Technology (DST) promotes astronomical research through its supported institutes including the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) and the Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES).

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