

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.383
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5.2.2018

Sanskrit Colleges

†383. **SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:**

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

- a) the total number of sanskrit colleges in the country and whether there is shortage of teachers in these colleges;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether sanskrit language has been made mandatory in all secondary and middle level schools of the country and whether adequate number of sanskrit teachers are available in all these Government schools;
- d) if so, the total number of sanskrit teachers in the country and the details regarding the availability and shortage of sanskrit teachers, State-wise; and
- e) the steps taken by the Government to improve the number of teachers as well as promotion of the language in these colleges?

ANSWER

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

(DR. SATYAPAL SINGH)

(a) & (b): As per All India Survey on Higher Education, there are 807 Sanskrit Colleges and 3495 teachers in the country. The figures of total sanctioned posts and current vacancies are not centrally maintained in MHRD.

(c) to (e): Sanskrit has not been made mandatory in schools. The recruitment and service conditions of teachers are primarily in the domain of State Govts and UT Administrations. The Central Government provides assistance to State Govts/UT Administrations for additional teachers to maintain appropriate Pupil: Teacher ratio. The Central Government in various meetings of State Education Secretaries, Conferences, Joint Review Missions etc., advises the State Govts/UT Administrations for timely teacher recruitment and deployments.
