

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5673
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd April, 2018**

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†5673. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of Sanskrit teachers in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Sanskrit is taught as compulsory subject in secondary and middle schools and whether Sanskrit teachers are available in all the Government schools;
- (c) if so, the total number of Sanskrit teachers in the country;
- (d) whether this number is sufficient for all Government schools and colleges; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof the availability and shortage of Sanskrit teachers, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)**

(a) to (e): The recruitment and service conditions of teachers are primarily in the domain of State Governments/UT Administrations. The Central Government through centrally sponsored schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Rashtriya Madyamik Shiksha Abhiyan provides assistance to State Governments/UTs for additional teachers to maintain appropriate Pupil Teacher Ratio as per the requirements of the States and UTs. However, in schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education in all States, Sanskrit is introduced in class VI on optional basis. Interested students can further study Sanskrit as a subject for next four years i.e in classes IX to XII. The Ministry of Human Resource Development doesn't maintain record of number of teachers engaged in Sanskrit Teaching in Schools and Colleges.
