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MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3154
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World Sanskrit Conference

3154.   **Shri Sudheer Gupta**
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
(a) whether the Government has inaugurated the Seventeenth World Sanskrit Conference which was held at Vancouver, Canada recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives of the said Conference;

(c) the number of participants participated in the above Conference, country-wise;

(d) the financial expenditure incurred in organizing this Conference; and

(e) whether research is being conducted on Sanskrit computational linguistics in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the significant progress made in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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(a) to (d): The World Sanskrit Conference is organized by International Association of Sanskrit Studies (IASS) which is held once in three years at various at different places across the world. This year 17th World Sanskrit Conference was organized at Vancouver (Canada) in the month of July. Minister of Human Resource Development was invited as Guest of Honour at the inaugural session of the conference.

The major objectives of the conference are to propagate the contribution of the various regions of the world to the Sanskrit studies and its advancement of knowledge at different places of the world. In this conference, the scholars from around 40 countries including India participated and around 500 papers are presented. Expenditure on account of organizing this conference is made by IASS.

(e):   Yes, Madam. The following institutions are engaged in the area of research on Sanskrit Computational Linguistics:-

1) Centre of Sanskrit Studies, Jawahar Lal Nehru University, Delhi
2) Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Mumbai
3) Department of CSE, IIT, Kharagpur
4) Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati
5) LTRC, IIT, Hyderabad
6) Poornaprajna Vidyapeetham, Bangalore
7) Sanskrit Academy, Hyderabad
8) Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bangalore

There has been significant progress in the last decade. The current research outcomes are available in the form of web services at the web sites "sanskrit.uohyd.ac.in/scl" and "scl.samsaadhanii.in" of University of Hyderabad. A Master Program is run in Sabdabodha Systems and Computational Linguistics in Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth (RSV), Tirupati. Seminars and Workshops have been conducted with respect to various Sabdabodha Systems. Deptt. of Vyakarana, RSV in collaboration with IIT Kanpur and Akshar Bharati has published a text "Natural Language Processing with a Paninian Perspective". There are 5 PhDs registered in Delhi University from 2014 in Sanskrit Computational Linguistics and 2 M.Phils already completed.

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