

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2383
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.07.2019

“New Sanskrit Schools”

†2383. **SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:**

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

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to set up new Sanskrit schools in the country and to grant Sanskrit University status to the Central Universities;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government proposes to set up a mechanism to strengthen and promote Sanskrit language in the education system;
- (d) If so, the details thereof; and
- (e) If not, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote Sanskrit language in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL ‘NISHANK’)

(a) to (e) : At present there is no proposal under the consideration of the Government to set up any new Sanskrit schools in the country. However, the Government is considering to convert the existing three deemed to be Universities into Central Universities. Further, the Government has taken the following measures to develop Sanskrit language and is getting them implemented through Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi, NCERT etc:

1. Providing financial assistance to Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas / Shodha Sansthan.
2. Award of merit scholarships to student of Sanskrit Pathasala to College level.
3. Financial assistance to NGOs / Higher Educational Institutions of Sanskrit for various Research Projects / Programmes.
4. Retired eminent Sanskrit scholars are engaged under the Shastra Chudamani scheme for teaching.

5. Sanskrit is also taught through Non-formal Sanskrit Education (NFSE) programme, by setting up Non-Formal Sanskrit learning centres, in reputed institutions like Indian Institutes Technology, Ayurveda institutions, Modern Colleges and Universities.
6. Presidential awards for Sanskrit Language are awarded annually to 16 senior scholars and to 5 young scholars.
7. Financial Assistance for Publication, Reprint of rare Sanskrit books.
8. Ashtaadashi containing eighteen Projects for sustaining the growth of Sanskrit has been implemented.
9. Development of Sanskrit Dictionary to school students.
10. Development of E-content in Sanskrit language for online professional development programme for teachers at secondary stage.
11. 21-day refresher course for Sanskrit teachers of Andaman and Nicobar Islands at Upper primary stage.
12. Development of Sanskrit workbook "Abhyasavan Bhava" at Secondary stage.
13. Development of various e-contents for teachers and students
14. Ongoing project: Development of compendium o ancient Indian education thoughts in Sanskrit.

