

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2169  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2019**

**Plight of Sanskrit Newspaper**

**2169. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:  
SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHANA RAJU:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the plight of Sanskrit newspapers which is dithering in spite of PM's campaign to revive the glory of the Sanskrit language in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that dozens of Sanskrit newspapers are on the verge of closing down due to non-patronage and financial support;
- (c) whether the Government already has any schemes to promote Sanskrit newspapers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures being taken by the Government to protect the identity of Sanskrit newspapers in the country?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

- (a) to (d): The Government is aware of plight of Sanskrit newspapers. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS), Delhi an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Human Resource Development is the nodal agency for implementing the policies of the Government relating to the promotion of Sanskrit knowledge. RSKS under the scheme for "Financial Assistance for Publication, Re-print of Rare Sanskrit Books and Bulk Purchase of Sanskrit Books" provide assistance to publishers. There are only four news papers in Sanskrit language. One newspaper namely 'Sudharma' is brought out daily in Sanskrit language. Two news papers namely 'Sanskrit Samwad' and 'Vak' are brought out on fortnightly basis and one newspaper namely Amritbhaha is published on monthly basis. All these papers are provided financial assistance by the RSKS.

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