

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2293
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2019**

Promotion of Sanskrit

†2293. **SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to promote Sanskrit language;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make Sanskrit compulsory language upto high school; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Government promotes Sanskrit language through various schemes implemented through Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS) an autonomous organization under this Ministry. A list of schemes implemented for promotion of Sanskrit language through RSKS is annexed as Annexure-I. Also, a Committee formed by Government under the Chairmanship of Shri N. Gopaldaswami had suggested a 'long term vision and road map for the development of Sanskrit language for the next ten years' wherein a wide range of activities are recommended to be implemented from high school to Research level for promotion of Sanskrit. This has been sent to the respective stakeholders for implementation. Further, Sanskrit is being taught as a Modern Indian Language from Class VI onwards and accordingly, NCERT has developed textbooks in Sanskrit from Class VI to XII.

(c) & (d): Presently there is no such proposal under consideration.

ANNEXURE-I

Annexure to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2293 asked by Shri Ravindra Kushwaha for answer on 02.12.2019.

- 1) Scheme of the Presidential Award of Certificate of Honour and Maharshi Badarayan Vyas samman Award to Sanskrit, Pali / Prakrit, Arabic and Persian Scholars other classical language.
- 2) All India Merit Sanskrit Scholarship Scheme (Award of Scholarships to Students of Sanskrit Pathshalas / Mahavidyalayas / High / Higher Secondary Schools / Colleges)
- 3) Financial assistance to the institutions recognized as Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya / Shodha Sansthan
- 4) Financial Assistance for Sanskrit Teaching -Teachers for Modern Subjects in Traditional Sanskrit Pathshalas / Mahavidyalayas
- 5) Financial Assistance for Sanskrit Teachers in State Government Schools
- 6) Financial Assistance to NGOs / Universities for various Research Projects and Programmes /Activities for promotion of Sanskrit.
- 7) Financial Assistance for Vocational Training Scheme.
- 8) Financial Assistance for Utilization of services of retired / eminent literary Sanskrit Scholars (Shastra Chudamani)
- 9) Financial Assistance for Publication, Re-print of Rare Sanskrit Books and Bulk Purchase of Sanskrit Books
- 10) Samman Rashi to poor Eminent Sanskrit Pandits who are above 55 years of age.
- 11) (i) All India Sanskrit Elocution Contest
(ii) Sanskrit Dictionary Project, Deccan College, Pune
(iii) Non-Formal Sanskrit Education (NFSE) Programme Ashtaadashi (18 Projects for sustaining growth of Sanskrit)
