

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4145
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2019

PLIGHT OF SANSKRIT NEWSPAPERS

4145: SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be please to state:

- a) whether the Government has taken note of the plight of Sanskrit newspapers despite the Prime Ministers' campaign to revive the glory of Sanskrit in the country, 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 have any scheme to promote Sanskrit newspapers, 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

**THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE
CHANGE; MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND
MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

**(a) to (d) There is an increase in number of registered newspapers/
publications in Sanskrit language over the years. The Government
upholds the freedom of press and people are at liberty to engage in
publication of newspapers in any language including Sanskrit in
accordance with the provisions of The Press and Registration of
Books Act, 1867.**
