

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION AND LITERACY**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *373
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021**

Closing Sanskrit Schools in Assam

*373. SHRI M.BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that the Assam Government has decided to shut down State-run Sanskrit schools in the State;
- (b) Whether the Government proposes to issue any instructions/guidelines to the Assam Government in this regard;
- (c) if so, the detail thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

- (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *373 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SHRI M.BADRUDDIN AJMAL REGARDING "CLOSING SANSKRIT SCHOOLS IN ASSAM".

(a) to (d) : "Education" is in the Concurrent list of the Constitution. The scheme of Sanskrit Tolls is entirely within the domain of the State Government of Assam. The State has informed that it has taken a policy decision to convert the provincialised Sanskrit Tolls of the State into Study Centres under Kumar Bhaskar Varma Sanskrit and Ancient Studies University, Nalbari with effect from 01/04/2022 for study of Certificate/Diploma/Degree courses with a view to expand the teaching of Sanskrit and other ancient literature of India as well as of Assam in a comprehensive manner.

The Government of Assam has further informed that the status, pay and allowances, service rules, service conditions, etc. of the teaching and non-teaching staff presently working in the provincialised Sanskrit Tolls including their seniority, etc. remain the same.

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