

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2423
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2021**

Popularity of Sanskrit

2423. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to popularise and to disseminate the Sanskrit language during the last two years as its popularity is increasing at world level;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to teach Sanskrit as subject at the State level;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to establish Sanskrit University in the country including Jharkhand; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) and (b) Three Deemed to be Universities in Sanskrit namely Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Delhi, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha , New Delhi and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati have been converted into Central Sanskrit Universities through an Act of Parliament called Central Sanskrit Universities Act, 2000 and they came into force w.e.f. 30.04.2020. These three Universities are now called as Central Sanskrit University, Delhi, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University, New Delhi and National Sanskrit University, Tirupati respectively.

Central Sanskrit University, Delhi popularized Sanskrit at all levels through its Headquarters at Delhi, its 12 campuses, 26 Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya/Adarsh Shodha Sansthan (ASM/ASS) and 62 grantee affiliated institutions.

Apart from promoting Sanskrit language through teaching, the government also implements a large number of schemes through Central Sanskrit University, Delhi like establishing Adarsh Sanskrit Vidyalayas/ Mahavidyalayas/Shodha Sansthans, conducting competitions amongst people of all ages, providing financial assistance to scholars, felicitating senior scholars with cash awards through Shastra Choodamani and engaging them as referral scholars, giving Presidential awards to eminent as well as young scholars etc.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.
