

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2946  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2022**

**Sanskrit Language**

**†2946. SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts made/being made by the Government to promote Sanskrit language in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any new scheme to promote and propagate the Sanskrit in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): The Government is promoting Sanskrit through three Central Universities viz. i) Central Sanskrit University, Delhi, ii) Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University, New Delhi and iii) National Sanskrit University, Tirupati and 17 Central Universities in which separate Sanskrit Departments are established. Central Sanskrit University, Delhi popularize Sanskrit at all levels through its Headquarters. at Delhi, with 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 Shashtra Choodamani and engaging them as referral scholars, giving Presidential awards to eminent as well as young scholars etc. A list of schemes under which Sanskrit language is being promoted is placed at Annexure 'A'.

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**ANNEXURE REFERED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION  
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SHRI HARISH DWIVEDI REGARDING SANSKRIT LANGUAGE**

- 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) All India Sanskrit Elocution Contest
- 12) Sanskrit Dictionary Project, Deccan College, Pune
- 13) Ashtaadashi (18 Projects for sustaining growth of Sanskrit Language)

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