

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5193
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2022**

Promoting Hindi and Sanskrit in Higher Education

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a decline in the number of students adopting Hindi and Sanskrit as subjects after secondary;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any step to encourage Hindi and Sanskrit in higher education in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) Hindi and Sanskrit are taught as subjects after secondary level in a large number of educational institutions under both centre and states. There is no centralized data of the number of students taking up Hindi and Sanskrit after secondary. Ministry of Education has established Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, at Wardha, Maharashtra, to promote the Hindi Language. Hindi is taught as a language in a large number of Central Universities. In addition, there are three institutes working under Ministry of Education namely Kendriya Hindi Sansthan (KHS) Agra, Central Hindi Directorate (CHD) New Delhi and Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT), New Delhi for promotion and propagation of Hindi language.

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 Shastra Choodamani and engaging them as referral scholars, giving Presidential awards to eminent as well as young scholars etc.
