

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No-†2103**  
ANSWERED ON- 05/08/2024

**PROMOTION OF SANSKRIT IN CHHATTISGARH**

†2103. Shri Chintamani Maharaj:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether teaching of Sanskrit happened to be the part of curriculum in the forest covered tribal dominated areas way back in 1965 and it had been introduced by Saint Gahira Guru in Samarbar Ashram;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to introduce any scheme for the promotion of Sanskrit in Chhattisgarh given the need for Sanskrit schools and colleges over there in order to edify the cultural development of tribes through Sanskrit; and
- (c) if so, whether the Government is likely to set up five schools and two colleges at Sarguja in Chhattisgarh under this scheme?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) & (b): The Government of India has established three Central Universities in Sanskrit namely Central Sanskrit University, Delhi, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University, New Delhi and National Sanskrit University, Tirupati to achieve the objective of promotion and propagation of Sanskrit language in the Country.

Further, Sanskrit is being promoted through schemes implemented by the Central Sanskrit University, Delhi which is the nodal agency for preservation, promotion and propagation of Sanskrit language in the Country. The University has its Headquarters at Delhi and 12 Campuses located in different states of the Country. Besides its teaching and research activities, Central Sanskrit University implements different Central Schemes for the development of Sanskrit education. Under these schemes, financial assistance is being provided to individuals/ scholars/ institutions/organizations engaged in propagation and development of Sanskrit Education and modern subjects throughout the country, including Chhattisgarh.

(c) & (d): At present, there is no such proposal with the Government to set up schools and two colleges at Sarguja in Chhattisgarh under this scheme.

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