

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 125
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.04.2016**

Sanskrit in IIT

125. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued any guidelines regarding launch of Sanskrit courses in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to modernise Gurukuls in the country and to promote research on the Sanskrit and Vedic literature;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;
- (e) the time by which modernisation work of Gurukuls in the country would be completed; and
- (f) whether the structure of IITs has also been revised in the recent past and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)**

(a) & (b) : Ministry of Human Resource Development commissioned a study on development of Sanskrit in various educational institutions under the Chairmanship of Shri N.Gopalaswami, former Chief Election Commissioner. The report of the Committee is available at http://mhrd.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/Report-CVRM.pdf. The report inter-alia suggested that IITs may facilitate study of Science & Technology as reflected in Sanskrit literature along with inter-disciplinary study of Sanskrit and modern subject. Accordingly, IITs have been requested to teach Sanskrit language especially with reference to study of works which contain scientific knowledge.

(c) : No, Madam.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.

(f) : No, Madam.
