

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 160
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2016

Sanskrit Language

†160. SHRI NANA PATOLE:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of the suggestion sought by the University Grants Commission (UGC) from universities in order to promote sanskrit language as per the proposed new Education Policy;

(b) whether the incidence of questioning the qualification of sanskrit teachers teaching at school level in the suggestions forwarded by the Vice Chancellors of Universities has come into light in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make a paper of sanskrit compulsory at Twelfth Standard alongwith the areas of Ayurveda, History, Dance and Art; and

(d) if so, the details of arrangements made by the Government to strengthen the sanskrit language at school and university level?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a): The new education policy is under deliberation. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it has requested the Vice-Chancellors of 18 Universities for suggestions and views regarding development and spread of Sanskrit right from the school up to the higher education levels.

(b): The UGC has informed that there is no such information.

(c) & (d): There is no such proposal making Sanskrit compulsory in XII class.

The Ministry and the UGC have been providing development assistance to Sanskrit Universities and Colleges for promotion of Sanskrit. The Commission also provides assistance to other Universities which are having the Department of Sanskrit. Under the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), the UGC has given the option to the

universities to change the syllabus to the extent of 30% keeping in view the expertise of the universities in a subject domain.

The Ministry provides funding to a Deemed to be University, namely Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS), New Delhi and Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan, Ujjain, an autonomous organization which are engaged in promotion of Sanskrit. The UGC provides funding to two Sanskrit Deemed to be Universities, namely: (i) Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (SLBSRSV), New Delhi; and (ii) Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (RSV), Tirupati.

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