

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.189
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2016

Language Policy in Schools

189. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government has roped in NCERT to make Sanskrit popular in schools and also to train five lakh teachers in the next three to four years under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that NCERT has been asked to submit a status report within three months indicating the details of schools, classes covered, number of periods and marks allotted to Sanskrit and nine languages and also on the implementation of the three language formula in secondary schools and the two language formula in higher secondary schools; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) Government has not asked the National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) to directly Sanskrit teachers. However, there is a provision of in-service training of teachers by the States/Union Territories under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), which includes Sanskrit teachers.

(b) & (c) Government of India had constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri N. Gopaldaswami, Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati to suggest a long term vision and road map for the development of Sanskrit. The Committee has, *inter-alia*, recommended that the NCERT may be asked to submit a status report within three months on the implementation of Three Language Formula in Secondary Schools and Two Language Formula in Higher Secondary Schools in all the Secondary & Higher Secondary Education Boards, which may indicate the languages offered, classes covered, marks and period allotted to Sanskrit and other languages The report of the Committee has been sent to NCERT for appropriate action.

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Sub: Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 189 for 18/7/2016 regarding Language Policy in Schools asked by Shrimati Vanaroja R.

Copy of the printed version of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 189 for 18/7/2016 regarding Language Policy in Schools asked by Shrimati Vanaroja R. may kindly be perused:

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We have obtained information from NCERT, CBSE, EE Bureau, SE-1 Bureau, Sanskrit Division, Department of HE.

NCERT has indicated that the Department of Higher Education has sent them a copy of the report of the Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri N. Gopaldaswami, Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati to suggest a long term vision and road map for the development of Sanskrit with the request to implement the recommendations which are implementable within the existing policy framework. The Committee has, *inter-alia*, recommended the following:

I. Recommendation No. 1. Status Report

The National Council of Educational Research & Training (NCERT) may be asked to submit a status report within three months on the implementation of Three Language Formula in Secondary Schools and Two Language Formula in Higher Secondary Schools in all the Secondary & Higher Secondary Education Boards. Further, it may indicate in its report the following:-

- i) which are the three languages offered
- ii) from which class to which class
- iii) for how many marks
- iv) how many periods are allotted to Sanskrit and other languages in a week
- v) at Higher Secondary level, whether Sanskrit is being offered for students of all the three streams, i.e., Arts, Science and Commerce

II. Recommendation No. 3. Teaching Sanskrit through Sanskrit:

“.....For implementing Sanskrit through Sanskrit in a phased manner, the following measures are to be taken immediately:

- i. A master plan to train five lakh Sanskrit teachers in next three to four years under the Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan and Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
- ii. Developing Bridge Courses for teachers and students
- iii. Text Book revision in all the States
- iv. Sensitizing programs amongst Sanskrit teachers and students regarding the need for Teaching Sanskrit through Sanskrit
- v. A few pilot projects in every State in 2016-17
- vi. Ample production of print, audio, video, digital, online learning tools for both Sanskrit teachers and students

NCERT has developed an action plan for 2 years for implementation of various recommendations of the Committee and sent the same to the D/Higher Education for consideration and providing funds. D/HE has expressed their inability to provide funds and advised the NCERT to get the funds from the D/School Education and Literacy of from the Bureau implementing the Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching (PMMMNTT) vide their letter dated 14.7.2016 (p-29/Cor.).

On the basis of the above, a draft reply has been prepared and put up for approval please.

