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financial assistance is given to Sanskrit pandits in indigent circumstances, scholarships are provided to Sanskrit students, facilities provided for teaching Sanskrit in schools, assistance given for the modernization of Sanskrit Pathshalas and grants given to State Governments for various promotional schemes for Sanskrit.

In addition, Government has set up the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, an autonomous organization for the promotion of Sanskrit. It imparts Sanskrit studies up to doctorate level in its 8 Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeethas and 21 Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya/Shodh Sansthans. It also provides financial assistance under various other schemes for Sanskrit.

Further, Government has set up two deemed Sanskrit Universities, the Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha at New Delhi and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha at Tirupati. They provide degree, diploma and Ph.D. courses.

In addition, numerous Central and other Universities and schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education offer Sanskrit courses. University Grants Commission (UGC) also has a special Assistance Programme for Sanskrit.

Further, various State Governments also have their own schemes for the propagation of Sanskrit.

Recently, the UGC has formulated a Scheme for the promotion of Sanskrit. It has decided, in principle, to set up simple Sanskrit speaking centres in selected universities so that those interested in Sanskrit are benefited.

Government also honours eminent Sanskrit scholars every year with its President's award of the Certificate of Honour.

#### **Transfer guidelines for KVs employees**

3121. SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI:  
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

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

- (a) whether transfer guidelines for employees of Kendriya Vidy-alaya Sangathan are being amended again in the near future;
- (b) if so, the need and rationale thereof; and
- (c) the details of proposed amendments, alongwith justifications, if any?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) and (c) Do not arise.

### **Secondary Schools in the Country**

† 3122. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

DR. D. MASTHAN:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the present set up for providing secondary education in the country is inadequate, in comparison to its requirement;
- (b) if so, the present total number of secondary schools in the country and the estimate of the arrangement regarding the number of students to be provided education therein;
- (c) whether Government have formulated any scheme to expand this set up; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The following table indicates the position of number of schools, enrolment and teachers in secondary and higher secondary schools.

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.