Sansthan from the financial year 2007-08. As intimated by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, every year about 800 student teachers are imparted training enabling them to teach Sanskrit through Sanskrit medium in the Shiksha Shastri Course.

Sanskrit medium in universities

3316. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY:

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

- (a) whether Sanskrit universities which have Pedagogy Department impart training through Sanskrit medium;
 - (b) whether they have produced text/reference books in Sanskrit;
 - (c) whether their students write examinations in Sanskrit;
- (d) the steps National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has taken to check the quality with respect to the above aspects; and
 - (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The three Deemed Universities under the Ministry of Human Resource Development namely, the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSkS), New Delhi, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth (SLBSRSV), New Delhi and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth (RSV), Tirupati have Pedagogy Departments and they impart training through Sanskrit medium.

- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) Yes, Sir. However, in SLBSRSV, for one of the papers *i.e.* Modern Subjects teaching, the students are allowed to write examinations in Sanskrit or Hindi medium.
- (d) and (e) The National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) prepares and recommends Curriculum Framework for different Teacher Education Programmes, and specifies the areas of studies only. The curriculum is developed and implemented by the Universities, who decide the syllabus and the subjects/languages to be taught in B.Ed. and M.Ed. programmes.

Corporal punishment in schools

†3317. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the incidents of different methods of torture to students by teachers in schools of the country are increasing;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;

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- (c) whether any legal provision has been in place to prevent incidents of torture to students by teachers in schools;
 - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, whether Government is considering formulation of a law in this context, in view of a ruling by a Delhi court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has registered 27, 50 and 31 cases of corporal punishment in schools during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (till date) respectively and has also taken *suo-moto* cognizance of 10 such incidents since January, 2009.

(c) to (e) This Ministry has issued instructions to all States and Union Territories in December, 2007 to prohibit corporal punishment in all schools under their jurisdiction. Section 17 of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 prohibits physical punishment and mental harassment to children in school.

Opening of polytechnics in Chhattisgarh

†3318. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

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

- (a) the names of districts of Chhattisgarh which have polytechnics and engineering colleges;
- (b) whether the State Government has sent proposals to the Central Government for opening of additional polytechnics;
- (c) whether these proposals sent by State Government are meant for tribal dominated districts; and
- (d) the funds provided by the Central Government to the State Government of Chhattisgarh upto 2008-09 for opening of polytechnics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The names of districts of Chhattisgarh which have polytechnics and engineering colleges are as follows:-

SI. No.	District	Engineering	Polytechnic
		Colleges	College
1	2	3	4
1	Bastar	1	1
2	Bijapur	1	-
3	Durg	1	1

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