

- (e) No, Sir.
- (f) Does not arise.
- (g) No such need has arisen.

**Promotion of study of Sanskrit language and Vedas**

‡3500. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes of the Ministry for study and spread of Sanskrit language and Vedas;
- (b) whether any scheme is operational under the Ministry for preservation of Shrutis and Smritis and to train new generations in it; and
- (c) if so, the details of the annual budget thereof and the work and achievements made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The Government is promoting and propagating Sanskrit Language through its three deemed Central Sanskrit Universities, viz. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS), New Delhi, Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth (SLBSRSV), New Delhi and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth (RSV), Tirupati. University Grants Commission is also providing development assistance to eligible Sanskrit Universities and Colleges and financial assistance to other Universities, which are having the Department of Sanskrit. Besides this, an autonomous body, Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Vedavidya Pratishthan (MSRVVP), Ujjain is also being provided financial assistance by this Ministry to promote learning of Vedas.

(b) Shrutis are being promoted by MSRVVP, Ujjain under the schemes of (i) Financial Assistance to Vedic Institutions, and (ii) Financial Assistance to Teachers and Students under the Scheme for Preservation of Oral Tradition of Vedic Recitation and Smriti is a part of Dharma Shastra at Shastri (UG) and Acharya (PG) levels in the deemed Central Sanskrit Universities.

(c) During the year 2009-10, the annual budget of MSRVVP was Rs.8.00 crores; 52 Vedic institutions were provided financial assistance in which 3709 students were provided stipend.