

Setting up of Sanskrit University and Sanskrit Commission

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

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to declare the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan as a Central University by an Act of Parliament;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government thereon;
- (c) if not, by when a decision would be taken in this regard;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that Government proposes to establish a Sanskrit Commission that would update, complement and continue the work of the first Sanskrit Commission of 1956;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (f) The Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) have constituted an Expert Committee to consider the Resolutions adopted by the General Assembly of the International Association of Sanskrit Studies during 15th World Sanskrit Conference which includes declaration of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan as a full fledged Central Sanskrit University by an Act of Parliament and establishment of Sanskrit Commission. The Committee is required to furnish its recommendations within 3 months.

Irregularities in issuance of international long distance licence

*148. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether serious irregularities have been reported in issuance of International Long Distance (ILD) licence by DoT to a company promoted by a Hong Kong based entity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether CVC has found that in purchase of WLL CDMA integrated Fixed Wireless Terminals by BSNL, a purchase of Rs. 104 crore was made from a company by extending undue favour and by violating guidelines of BSNL;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether responsibility has been fixed in this regard;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) Sir, International Long Distance