

enhancement of age of superannuation. So far no State has fulfilled all the conditions of the scheme and so no payment to any State Government has been made by the Government of India.

Teaching of Sanskrit in CBSE schools

1955. SHRI TARUN VIJAY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of CBSE schools offering Sanskrit as an optional subject;
- (b) the number of students both in absolute and percentage terms, who appeared for Sanskrit in examinations of classes VIIIth and Xth;
- (c) whether Government rules require certain minimum number of students for Sanskrit to be offered as an optional subject;
- (d) if so, the number thereof; and
- (e) the number of teachers employed to teach Sanskrit in various Government schools under the CBSE pattern?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI) : (a) and (b) 8012 schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) offered Sanskrit as an optional subject in 2011. The number of students who appeared for Sanskrit Examination of class 10 in 2011 was 294471. CBSE being an examination conducting body for classes 10 and 12 does not maintain record of class 8 examination.

(c) and (d) No such requirement has been prescribed by the CBSE for its affiliated schools.

(e) CBSE affiliated schools maintain a students-teacher ratio of 40:1. School education is governed by the State school Education Act of respective state Government. Therefore, such data is not maintained at central level.

Grants for SSA given by United Kingdom

1956. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the United Kingdom (UK) has provided grants to India for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) during the past few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which such grants have been utilised;
- (c) whether the U.K. authorities have alleged that Government has misused the grants; and