

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The programmes currently being imparted at degrees/diploma levels in the areas of science, humanities, engineering, management and in other streams by the universities and professional institutions do aim at employment/entrepreneurship. However, based on the need for the requirement of skilled workforce matching with the industry needs, the Ministry in consultation with stakeholders, has initiated action to formulate a comprehensive scheme of skilling in the higher education sector. The proposed scheme will address contextually to the concerns of the nature and the complexities of the skill gap currently existing in the various sectors in the country. The schemes would envisage proficiency and competencies at different level, multiple entry and exist between skill training and general education/technical education and job markets, and progression of pathways promoting lifelong learning and skill development.

Compulsory teaching of Sanskrit

†3421. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by Government to protect Sanskrit language in the modern era;

(b) whether the Central Government is contemplating making Sanskrit subject compulsory upto Xth class in schools; and

(c) if so, by when and whether it would be made compulsory in the private schools as well?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) The Government of India is taking all steps for protection, propagation, preservation and development of Sanskrit language, literature and rare Shastras, by funding three Sanskrit Deemed Universities viz. Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan (RSKS), New Delhi, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (RSV), Tirupati, Sri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha (SLBSRSV), New Delhi and Maharshi Sandipani Rashtriya Veda Vidya Pratishthan (MSRVVP), Ujjain. There are 21 Adarsha Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas (ASM), 4 Adarsha Shodha Sansthans (ASS), 11 campuses under RSKS and 73 Vedic Pathshalas under MSRVVP which are given financial assistance.

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The Second Sanskrit Commission has been constituted in January, 2014 to assess the present status of Sanskrit education in all its aspects and to integrate traditional Sanskrit knowledge into the modern system of education.

The Scheme of Award of 'Certificate of Honour' to honour the eminent scholars of Sanskrit and 'Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman' to honour young scholars in Sanskrit are in force. An International Award for Non Resident Indian or a foreigner is also covered under this scheme.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal with the Central Government for making Sanskrit Subject compulsory upto Xth Class in school.

Minority status to Central universities

3422. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Central universities which have been granted minority status by Government, so far, State-wise;
- (b) the details of criteria for granting minority status to a Central university;
- (c) whether Government has granted minority status to Jamia Millia Islamia and AMU, Aligarh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (e) In pursuance of Article 30(1) and in terms of Sections 2(1) and 5(2) (c) of the Aligarh Muslim University (Amendment) Act, 1981, the AMU is treated as a minority institution. Another University, namely, the Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi has been declared a 'minority educational institution' by the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI). Both the above matters are *sub-judice* before the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the High Court of Delhi, respectively.

Vacancies in universities and higher educational institutes

†3423. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 40 per cent posts are lying vacant due to non-appointment

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