

**Commissions for Sanskrit language**

2120. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has constituted a panel headed by Shri Gopaldaswami, former CEC to examine and recommend measures to revive the interest in Sanskrit and its promotion;

(b) whether the panel's terms of reference include suggestions for integrating the study of the ancient language with other disciplines such as physics, chemistry, mathematics, medical science and law;and

(c) what are the salient findings of report of the 13 member Sanskrit Commission led by Prof. Saryavrat Shastri, for promotion of Sanskrit?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A panel headed by Shri N. Gopaldaswami has been set up by this Ministry on 18.11.2015 to assess and review the present schemes for the development of Sanskrit and Veda Vidya, to study and suggest ways and means to bring a qualitative change in Sanskrit Education both in School Education and Higher Education, and to suggest measures to integrate Sanskrit studies with other disciplines like Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Medical Science and Law.

(c) The Second Sanskrit Commission led by Prof. Satya Vrat Shastri was set up on 10th January 2014. This Commission was asked to submit its recommendations within one year but it could not submit its report within that period and the Commission's term expired on 09.01.2015.

**Skill mission in universities**

2121. SHRI A. W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to rope in universities across the country to help implement its skill development mission and the UGC has asked over 700 universities and 35,000 colleges to join the mission, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the universities have been asked to implement the skill mission which aims to train 2.4 million youths in 2015-16 and asked them to put to use the infrastructure of these institutions beyond formal education if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) The University Grants Commission (UGC)

has given skill orientation to higher education in the recent past. The UGC has come out with three major initiatives by way of starting Community Colleges, B.Voc degree programme and Deen Dayal Upadhyay KAUSHAL Kendras leading to award of Certificates, Diplomas, Advanced level Diplomas and Bachelor's as well as Master's Degree programmes. These skill programmes are offered by individual institutions in collaboration with industry. The details of target set and achieved under these schemes during 2013-14 and 2014-15 are given below:

(₹ in crores)

Programme	Year	Target	Approved	Allocation	Release
Community Colleges	2013-14	100	64	29.13	6.04
	2014-15	100	102	94.92	29.13
	2015-16	100	111	67.18	24.68
B.Voc Degree Programme	2014-15	100	127	231.36	80.64
	2015-16	100	70	241.06	24.42
Deen Dayal Upadhyay Kaushal Kendras	2015-16	100	65	170.65	98.70

(b) The Skill Mission is being implemented by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). The Department of Higher Education and MSDE have set up a Committee to coordinate their skill development efforts.

#### Vacancies in Central Universities of Jharkhand

2122. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total sanctioned strength and vacancies in posts of employees, in particular lecturers, in Central Universities in Jharkhand; and

(b) whether Government is taking any steps to fill the vacant posts, if so, steps taken thereof, if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) Central University of Jharkhand is the only Central University in Jharkhand. The total sanctioned strength and vacant teaching positions in the University are as under:-

Post	No. of sanctioned post	Vacancies
Professor	23	16
Associate Professor	45	36
Assistant Professor	99	24