

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) to (f) The Government of India and University Grants Commission (UGC) have already taken several initiatives to check the incidents of harassment and discrimination of all students and to safeguard their interests, including of all disadvantaged groups, in higher educational institutions of the country which include formulation of University Grants Commission (Redress of Grievances of Students) Regulations, 2019.

UGC *vide* its letters has also issued instructions for prevention of Caste based discrimination, from time to time, to all the Universities/Deemed to be Universities. Recently, the UGC *vide* its letter dated 26.06.2019 has communicated to all universities to constitute a committee to look into the discrimination complaints received from the SC/ST/OBC Students /Teachers and non-teaching staff.

AICTE has also launched three week student induction program which includes physical activities, learning, art form, literature, cinema, social awareness and universal human values to make them stress free.

### **Promotion of Sanskrit language**

†1664. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar had proposed in the Constituent Assembly to make Sanskrit the official language, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any action plan for the promotion of Sanskrit language in order to keep the dreams of Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar alive, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) and (b) On 11.09.1949, The Hindu, The Statesman, Hindustan Standard, National Herald and other newspapers reported about Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's proposal to make Sanskrit as official language. To promote Sanskrit language there are 15 State Universities and 3 Deemed to be Universities across the country. The Government has also taken the following measures to develop Sanskrit language through Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi which are given in the Statement.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

***Statement******Measures taken by Government to develop Sanskrit language through Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan***

1. Providing financial assistance to Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalayas/Shodha Sansthans.
2. Award of merit scholarships to student of Sanskrit Pathasala to College level.
3. Financial assistance to NGOs/Higher Educational Institutions of Sanskrit for various Research Projects/Programmes.
4. Retired eminent Sanskrit scholars are engaged under the Shashtra Chudamani scheme for teaching.
5. Sanskrit is also taught through Non-formal Sanskrit Education (NFSE) programme, by setting up Non-Formal Sanskrit learning centres, in reputed institutions like Indian Institutes Technology, Ayurveda institutions, Modern Colleges and Universities.
6. Presidential awards for Sanskrit Language are awarded annually to 16 senior scholars and to 5 young scholars.
7. Financial Assistance for Publication, Reprint of rare Sanskrit books.
8. Ashtaadashi containing eighteen Projects for sustaining the growth of Sanskrit has been implemented.
9. Development of Sanskrit Dictionary to school students.
10. Development of E-content in Sanskrit language for online professional development programme for teachers at secondary stage.
11. 21-day refresher course for Sanskrit teachers of Andaman and Nicobar Islands at Upper primary stage.
12. Development of Sanskrit workbook "Abhyasavan Bhava" at Secondary stage.
13. Development of various e-contents for teachers and students
14. Ongoing project: Development of compendium of ancient Indian education thoughts in Sanskrit.