

**Promotion, publicity and conservation of Sanskrit language**

†2941. MS. SAROJ PANDEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is being formulated for promotion, publicity and conservation of Sanskrit language in the country; and

(b) if so, the outline details of the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) and (b) Government of India has taken several measures for the promotion, publicity and conservation of Sanskrit language through Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan. The measures taken by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi for the purpose mentioned above is given in Statement.

***Statement******Measures taken by the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi***

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 Shastra 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.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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.

#### **Suicide cases of students**

2942. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of school, college and university students who have committed suicide, year-wise and State-wise in the last five years;

(b) the number of such students belonging to the SC, ST and OBC communities; and

(c) whether Government has taken adequate measures to curb such incidents and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Human Resource Development does not maintained such information. However, as per the data available in the records of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the State/UT-wise and year-wise details of suicides by students for the years 2014 to 2018 is given in Statement (*See* below). Category-wise data regarding the number of suicides by students in the country is not maintained by NCRB.

(c) The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development is implementing Samagra Shiksha —an Integrated Scheme for School Education. Under Samagra Shiksha, there is a provision for supporting States and Union Territories (UTs) on interventions related to Guidance and Counselling in schools. Funds are provided to the States/UTs to encourage teachers to function as the first level counsellors in schools. Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) has adopted