

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1947
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2021**

Providing education of Sanskrit language in Universities

1947# SHRI REWATI RAMAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the number of universities providing education of Sanskrit language in the country is very less;
- (b) if so, the concrete measures taken by Government to promote Sanskrit language during the year 2020-21; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to undertake research on the extensive Sanskrit literature in the country for the promotion of Sanskrit language?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

- (a) A total of 18 Sanskrit Universities provide Sanskrit education in the Country.
- (b) & (c) The policy of the Government of India is to promote all Indian languages and several steps are taken in this regard. Sanskrit language is promoted through three Central Universities viz. i) Central Sanskrit University, Delhi, ii) Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University, New Delhi and iii) National Sanskrit University, Tirupati. These universities not only teach Sanskrit but also concentrate in the area of research in Sanskrit, develop all-inclusive Sanskrit promotional activities and provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Besides this, Sanskrit education is also being provided through 17 Central Universities in which separate Sanskrit Departments are established. One of the main objectives of the Central Sanskrit University, Delhi is to promote and propagate Sanskrit learning, teaching and research. Central Sanskrit University, Delhi teaches and promote Sanskrit at all levels through its Headquarters. at Delhi, with 12 campuses across the Country, 26 Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya/Adarsh Shodha Sansthan (ASM/ASS) and 62 grantee affiliated institutions and also support research activities through various schemes. Further, research programmes are undertaken in various departments in these Universities for extensive study of Sanskrit language.
