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SANSKRIT IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to promote Sanskrit language in schools in the country;
- (b) whether the Government is contemplating to make study of Sanskrit compulsory upto tenth standard in all public/private schools across the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The National Curriculum Framework (NCF) – 2005 states that Sanskrit may continue to be taught as a Modern Indian Language (MIL). Based on NCF 2005, NCERT developed syllabus for Sanskrit teaching-learning and also developed textual materials for classes VI to XII. In addition to textual materials, many supplementary readers have also been developed for students, teachers and teacher educators.

In addition, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has developed textbooks for classes VI-XII and workbooks and support material like Teachers manual, Resource manual and Audio Cassette (Dhvani Mudrika) for Class IX. The Board had also conducted about 50 teachers' training programmes and seminars across the country to orient the teachers in the communicative approach to teaching Sanskrit. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has recently written to the Chief Secretaries as well as Education Secretaries of the States to organize the Sanskrit Saptah in schools across the country. The CBSE has also asked the schools affiliated with it to celebrate Sanskrit week from August 7 to 13 this year by organizing various activities to popularize Sanskrit Language.

(b): Presently no such proposal is under consideration of the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

(c) Does not arise.