

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES AND IITS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Central Universities and Indian Institutes of Technology presently in operation in the North-East Region and Fifth Scheduled Areas;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to open more Central Universities and IITs for providing higher education to the Scheduled Tribes in these areas;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of other centrally funded higher learning educational institutions functioning in the North East Region and Fifth Scheduled Areas as on date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d): Nine Central Universities and one Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) are presently in operation in the North East Region. While no Central University or IIT is presently in operation in the Fifth Scheduled Areas, a Bill for setting up the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University with headquarters at Amarkantak (Madhya Pradesh) falling in the Fifth Scheduled Area has since been passed by both the Houses of Parliament as also assented to by the President. The proposed University shall have powers to establish such number of its regional centers, viz off-campuses constituted by the University and functioning as part of the University, in the areas inhabited by tribal population, as are, in the opinion of the University, necessary for furtherance of its objects, thereby covering the Scheduled Areas of ten States as well.

The existing Guru Ghasidas University, Koni, Bilaspur, is proposed to be converted into a Central University. In addition, the Government proposes to open new Central Universities, IITs, Indian Institutes of Management, National Institutes of Technology, etc. during the XIth Plan. Some of these Institutes could be located in the Fifth Scheduled Areas.