

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

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FUNDS TO UNIVERSITIES

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

- (a) the number of Central/State/Deemed Universities functioning in the country,State-wise;
- (b) the criteria for allocating funds to the various Universities by the University Grants Commission;
- (c) the amount of funds released to these Universities during the last three years and the current year,University-wise;
- (d) the progress made so far for opening of New Degree Colleges and Central Universities in each State;
- (e) the name of places identified for setting up of Degree Colleges and Central Universities;
- (f) the number of requests received from the State Governments for setting up of Central Universities and Degree Colleges,State-wise; and
- (g) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) As on 31.12.2007 there were 388 universities in the country.A state-wise list of these universities is at Annexure-I.
- (b) The University Grants Commission (UGC) allocates funds to Universities on the basis of their requirement,the pace of utilization of funds by them,the availability of funds with the commission and the eligibility of each university under the relevant scheme for which assistance is sought by it.
- (c) A statement indicating the general development grant released by UGC to Central Universities during the last three years and in the current year is at Annexure-II.
- (d) & (e) Districts have been identified for locating new colleges.States have been requested to indicate their preference for funding through the UGC for State Universities establishing constituent colleges or direct funding to State Government by way of Centrally Sponsored Scheme.A model project report has been prepared and each college is expected to have a capital outlay of Rs.8.00 crores- one third of which will be Central Funding and the balance by State Government either on its own or through private not for profit participation.

A draft legislation on setting up new Central Universities has been approved for introduction in Parliament.Site Selection Committees have been formed and visits of these Committees have already taken place in the respect of Punjab,Tamil nadu and Himachal Pradesh.States have been requested to suggest alternative sites for Locating universities.
- (f) & (g) While all the States where new Central Universities are to be located have requested for the same,requests for new degree colleges being contingent on State's contribution of two-third of capital costs,no firm commitments have been so far been received.States have been requested at the Conference of State Ministers for higher and technical erducation on 23rd -24th July,2008.