

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:140

ANSWERED ON:13.07.2009

OPENING OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up some new Central Universities in the various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of places identified for the purpose, State and location-wise;
- (c) the number of proposals received from the State Governments for setting up of these Universities in their States, State-wise alongwith the status thereof;
- (d) whether the State Governments have proposed to provide adequate land for the said Universities;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to involve some private organisations in the task;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) the time by which such proposed Universities are likely to become functional?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (h): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.140 FOR 13.07.2009 REGARDING OPENING OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES ASKED BY SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA AND SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR

(a) to (h): For increasing access and improving the quality of higher education in the country, 15 Central Universities have already been established by the Central University Act, 2009, of which 12 are new Universities and 3 are State Universities which have been converted to Central Universities. With the establishment of these Universities, every State, except Goa which subsequently did not want its State University to be converted into a Central University, has now at least one Central University. According to the relevant provisions of the Act, the headquarters of these Universities shall be at such places as may be notified by the Central Government in the Official Gazette. The process of identifying suitable locations for these Universities is underway in consultation with the respective State Governments, and so far locations in the States of Haryana, Punjab, Orissa, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu have been identified. The concerned State Governments are expected to provide land, free of cost, for setting up of these Universities.

Provision of Central funding has already been made in Xth Plan approved by the National Development Council and these Universities would accordingly be fully funded by the Central Government, through the University Grants Commission.