

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

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EXPANSION OF HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the fresh initiative taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to expand and achieve excellence in the higher education in the country, particularly in rural areas during the XI five year plan;
- (b) whether there is lack of teachers and basic facilities in the higher educational institutions in rural areas, especially in the State of Jharkhand;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to implement the pending schemes for the upgradation and development of higher education;
- (e) if so, the details of such schemes, State-wise; and
- (f) the funds allocated and utilized for the said period, State-wise during the last three years, and the current year, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

- (a) to (c): As part of fresh initiatives, four Bills have been introduced in the Parliament which are
- (i) Regulation of Entry and Operation of Foreign Educational Institutions,
 - (ii) Establishment of Educational Tribunals,
 - (iii) Prohibition of Unfair Practices in Technical and Medical Educational Institutions and Universities, and
 - (iv) Mandatory Accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions.

Apart from the above, a substantial increase in Plan allocation has been made in the XI Plan for the expansion of higher education, by way of setting up of institutions such as Central Universities in uncovered States, establishment of World Class Universities, Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Management, Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research, Indian Institutes of Information Technology, and Schools of Planning and Architecture are some of the efforts being made. A scheme to incentivize states to set up new state Universities as well as strengthen existing Universities and colleges has been approved by the National Development Council for XIth Plan. Similarly, scheme for assisting states to establish model degree colleges in 374 districts having Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) less than national GER has already been launched. 12 districts of Jharkhand state have been identified as educationally backward in terms of GER. No information in regard to shortage of teachers and basic facilities in state institutions is centrally maintained. However, the state governments have been requested time and again to address the issues of shortage of teachers and basic facilities since major efforts towards improving the facilities in and setting up of new higher educational institutions are required from the State Governments as far as state institutions are concerned. The Central Government only supplements the efforts by way of setting up of a few institutions which are intended to serve as models for quality standards in higher education.

(d): No such schemes are pending.

(e) & (f): Do not arise.