

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:309
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2010
PROMOTION OF RESEARCH IN REGIONAL ISSUES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Universities are distributed evenly in the country to give students easier access to higher education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these universities propose to promote research in regional issues and bring it to the body of knowledge;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether these universities are to be governed by stakeholders from the area;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether local intellectuals and educationists have been inducted into the academic council or the governing executive body of such universities in the North- East region, specially Sikkim; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

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. 309 TO BE ANSWERED ON 1st DECEMBER, 2010 ASKED BY SHRI PREM DAS RAI REGARDING PROMOTION OF RESEARCH IN REGIONAL ISSUES

(a) to (h) : In so far as the locations of central universities are concerned, regional imbalances have been addressed by facilitating establishment of 16 central universities under the Central Universities Act, 2009 thereby ensuring that there is at least one central university in every State except the State of Goa which had desired not to have one. While central universities are intended to reflect all-India character, their location in various parts of the country ensure, inter- alia, that the studies and research undertaken by them, in so far as possible, derive sustenance from the context of the region.

All central universities, including those in the North-East, are governed by the relevant Acts, Statutes and Ordinances which provide for sizeable representation of local intellectuals and educationists on the Academic Council as well as the Executive Council. The first Academic Council and Executive Council constituted under the transitional provisions of the Sikkim University Act, 2006 does provide for intellectuals and educationists from the North-East region on these bodies.