

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

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ESTABLISHMENT OF TRIBAL UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to establish tribal universities across the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the number of such universities established till date;
- (c) whether such universities have been offering engineering and other technical courses;
- (d) If so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Union Government has received any proposals from the State Governments including the Chhattisgarh for setting up a Tribal University in the State; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the proposals?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): No Sir, the Government of India has already established a teaching and affiliating University by the name of Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU) in Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh with a view, inter-alia, to provide avenues of higher education and research facilities, primarily for the tribal population of India.

(c)& (d): Besides other courses, the IGNTU also offers B.C.A. course.

(e)&(f): Government has received requests from State Governments like, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat and Kerala (not Chhattisgarh) for establishment of Regional Centres/ Campuses, which have been forwarded to the University for appropriate action. IGNTU is an autonomous organisation governed by its Act & Statutes and Ordinances framed thereunder. The said Act empowers the University to establish such number of Regional Centres in various tribal areas of the country as is, in the opinion of the University, necessary for the furtherance of its objects. Government has not received any recommendations from IGNTU for establishment of new Campuses.