

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

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SETTING UP OF UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of existing Universities in the country, as on date;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to set up more new Universities in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the number of the proposals received from the various State Governments including Chhattisgarh for setting up of new Universities in the State, State-wise; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard and the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved?

Answer

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

- (a): As per information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC) at present there are 567 universities in the country of which, 43 are Central Universities, 286 State Universities, 109 Private Universities and 129 Deemed to be Universities.
- (b) & (c): No, Sir. Universities are either established by the Central Government or by State Governments. Deemed to be Universities are declared by the Government of India on the advice of UGC, under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956.
- (d) & (e): In the XI Plan, one new Central University was set up in Chhattisgarh by converting a State University, Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur. No new proposal has been received from Chhattisgarh. The details of proposals received so far and their status is at Annexure.