

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:139  
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2013  
ESTABLISHMENT OF WORLD CLASS STANDARD UNIVERSITIES  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has decided to set up new universities aimed to attain world class standards in the country including Assam; \*
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the location identified for the purpose;
- (c) whether the concept for these universities has been finalized and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which these universities are likely to be functional?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House .

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 139 FOR 14.08.2013 ASKED BY SHRI RAMEN DEKA AND SHRI HARIN PATHAK, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF WORLD CLASS STANDARD UNIVERSITIES.

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The concept of world class universities has been further developed and it has now been decided to call them Universities for Research and Innovation. The Central Government has introduced the `Universities for Research and Innovation Bill` in Parliament on 21.05.2012, which aims to provide for the establishment and incorporation of such universities. The Universities for and Innovation are expected to provide for the knowledge needs of the country, in training professionals, specialists, scientists and researchers needed by the society and economy. The universities would focus on one area or problem of significance to India and to build an ecosystem of research and teaching around different related disciplines and fields of study and search for solutions that are globally valid and in the process develop education at under-graduate. and higher levels. These universities would be set up in the public mode, purely privately funded and in the Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode. A copy of the Bill is available at [http://164.100.24.219/BillsTexts/LSBillTexts/asintroduced/61\\_2012\\_LS\\_ENG.pdf](http://164.100.24.219/BillsTexts/LSBillTexts/asintroduced/61_2012_LS_ENG.pdf). The Central Government has tentatively identified some locations, including one at Guwahati, Assam, for establishment of such universities in the public funded mode.

(d): These universities can be set up only after the Bill is passed by Parliament.