

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

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PHYSICAL FACILITIES AND HUMAN RESOURCE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government intends to 'strengthen' universities and colleges that are technically under the purview of University Grants Commission (UGC) but do not yet meet the minimum eligibility norms in terms of physical facilities and human resource;
- (b): if so, the details thereof and the names of such colleges and universities, State-wise; and
- (c): whether the Government has any plan to achieve their objectives and if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government has launched a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) called the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), which seeks to provide strategic support and funding to State universities and colleges. Under the Scheme, State universities and colleges, which are not covered under sections 2(f) and 12B of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956 will be eligible to receive funding. The States are required to prepare the State perspective plans on higher education and identify the State universities and colleges, which would be included for funding in such plans under the RUSA.
- (c): The Central Government held the first meeting of the Project Approval Board (PAB) on 6th November, 2013. In the meeting the PAB approved an amount of Rs. 314.8 crores for release to States under various components of the RUSA.