

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

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RUSA

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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has implemented or proposes to implement Rashtriya Uchchatar Siksha Abhiyan (RUSA);
- (b) if so, the aims and objectives of RUSA along with its salient features;
- (c) whether the State Higher Education Councils have been set up by various States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) the details of the funding pattern for RUSA and the number of State Universities that will be provided assistance under this scheme, State- wise; and
- (e) whether the Government also proposes to set up more State universities/ colleges under RUSA and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the time by which these universities/colleges are likely to be set up and made functional?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Cabinet Committee for Economic Affairs has approved the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) on 3rd October, 2013. The RUSA seeks to be the prime vehicle for the strategic funding of the higher educational institutions run by State Governments so as to ensure that issues of access, equity and quality are appropriately tackled and by implementing certain much needed reforms. RUSA also aims at incentivizing the States to step up plan investments in higher education. The details of the scheme have been uploaded on the Ministry's website <http://mhrd.gov.in/rusa>.

(c): As per the available information, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Manipur, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal have set up State Higher Education Councils.

(d): Under RUSA, The Central Government will provide assistance of 90% to the Special Category States (North Eastern Region, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand) and 65% for other States/Union Territories. The States are required to prepare their perspective plans on higher education and identify the State universities and colleges which would be covered under the RUSA.

(e): Under RUSA, the State Governments can set up new universities and colleges, as per State perspective plans prepared by them, taking into account critical gaps that may exist in providing access to higher education.