

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

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PROJECT OF CLUSTERING HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) is pursuing the project of clustering higher educational institutions with the objective of optimum utilisation of the existing facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of States where such project is under implementation;
- (c) whether any of the institutions in Gujarat are covered under the said project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the financial outlays disbursed during the last three years, year-wise;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): No, Madam. University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it is not pursuing any project relating to clustering of higher educational institutions. However, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), one of the components is creation of universities by clustering of colleges, which have adequate academic, physical and technical infrastructural facilities.

(b) to (e): Does not arise in view of above.