

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES

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

- (a) whether there is any scheme to set up many more Central Universities in the country with the objective of developing human resources;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to introduce a legislation in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the number of Central Universities proposed to be set up, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for reforming modern education system?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): No Madam. The thrust of the 12th Plan (2012-17) is on consolidation of the higher education system and expansion is to be done mainly through scaling up the capacity of the existing institutions in place of setting up new institutions. However, the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014 provides the establishment of one Central University in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh and one Tribal University each in the State of Andhra Pradesh and in the State of Telangana.

(e): The Central Government has launched Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) which seeks to improve overall quality of existing State higher educational institutions by ensuring their conformity to prescribed norms and standards and adoption of accreditation as a mandatory quality assurance framework. It addresses regional and social imbalance through better access to higher education.