

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

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PROMOTION OF WOMEN EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up universities exclusively for women in each State including Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to promote women education in the current Five Year Plan period?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. However, the Indira Gandhi National University for Women Bill, 2013 to establish and incorporate a women's university in the state of Uttar Pradesh was introduced in the Lok Sabha, which has since lapsed with the dissolution of the 15th Lok Sabha.

(c): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has undertaken several schemes for the benefit of higher education of women and participation of women in managing higher education. These include the construction of Women Hostels Scheme, the Capacity Building of Women Managers in Higher Education Scheme, the Indira Gandhi Post Graduate Scholarship Scheme for Single Girl Child and a fellowship for single girl child for taking up research in science departments, which have been covered under the Basic Scientific Research (BSR) programme. The UGC is also implementing a scheme of Women's Studies. There are 159 Women's Studies Centres under this scheme.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), special emphasis is given to the inclusion and enrolment of girls in higher education. Infrastructure grants are provided to universities and colleges for creation of facilities including girls hostels and toilets.