

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

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SHORTAGE OF UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the number of universities is insufficient in the country which can take on the challenges of providing world class education and producing world acclaimed talents;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the number of universities functioning and the number of universities required in the country as on date, State-wise; and
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to address the shortage of universities in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Education being in the Concurrent List of the Constitution, the creation of new universities is the responsibility of both Central and State Governments. The Central Government has established at least one Central University in each state of the country, with the exception of Goa. Central Government is on the consolidation and quality improvement in the higher education system and expansion would be mainly done by scaling up capacity of the existing institutions.

As reported by the UGC, 704 Universities are functioning in this country as on date. State-wise details of these universities is at Annexure.

(c): Recognising the need for central support for strategically funding the State Higher Education system, the Ministry of Human Resource Development has also launched a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of "Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan" (RUSA). Under the CSS, States may create universities by upgrading autonomous colleges or by clustering of colleges as per RUSA norms.