

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

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MEDICAL COLLEGE UNDER CENTRAL UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal pending with the Union Government for opening of a medical college under the Central University, Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): There is no proposal pending with the Union Government for opening of a medical college under the Central University of Orissa .However, there was a proposal from the Central University of Orissa for setting up a Medical College in Koraput during the 11th Plan Period, which was not considered as the 11th Plan did not have provision for establishment of medical and engineering colleges in the new Central Universities. In the 12th Five Year Plan as approved by National Development Council (NDC),the focus is on scaling up of capacity in existing institutions rather than increasing the number of institutions , with the exception of new institutions needed to address critical regional and social gaps.