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State Universities

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

- (a) whether there are nearly 329 State Universities registered or recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether State Universities need more financial support to reach the standards of Central Universities and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether a time-bound plan will be worked out by the Government to raise the standards and infrastructure in State Universities and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam. As reported by the University Grants Commission (UGC), there are 332 State Universities in the country as on date. State-wise details of these universities is at Annexure.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. Recognising the need to strengthen State universities and colleges through strategic central funding and implementing certain much needed reforms, the Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched the new Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) of "Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan" (RUSA) in October, 2013 for reforming the State Higher Education system. RUSA is envisaged as the prime vehicle for strategic funding of State institutions in order to address issues of access, equity and quality. RUSA 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.
