

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

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Setting up of National Universities
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for setting up of national universities in the country during the current year;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has initiated action for placing adequate faculties in the existing national universities; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the total number of national universities proposed by the Government during the current year, State and location-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. There is no proposal for setting up of Central Universities in the country during the current year. During 12th Plan (2012-17), as approved by National Development Council, the thrust is on consolidation of the higher education system. Expansion would be mainly done by scaling up capacity of the existing institutions in place of setting up new institutions. In the 12th Plan, the Central Government has launched Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) on cost sharing basis (90:10 in special category States and 65:35 in other States) to assist States to open new institutions, consolidate old ones and take appropriate steps to ensure quality in higher education. 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.
