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Central Universities in Backward areas
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to open central universities/universities in the country especially in the backward areas to improve the level of education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of universities opened State/ location-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to open a central university in Mevaat, the most backward district of Haryana; and
- (e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be opened and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) At present there is no proposal to set up new Central Universities in the country. However, the Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act 2014 envisages establishment of one Central Tribal University each in State of Andhra Pradesh and in the State of Telangana and one Central University in the successor state of Andhra Pradesh. Further, the Prime Minister has announced a package for Bihar on 18.8.2015 which includes establishment of a Central University near Bhagalpur at the historic site of Vikramshila University. A list of state wise central universities is enclosed.

(d) & (e) There is no such proposal under consideration. One Central University has been established in Haryana by the Government in the year 2009. Besides, one off-campus has been established in Mewat under the ambit of Maulana Azad National Urdu University to cater to the population of backward areas of Mewat.
