

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4706
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2019**

Central University in Villuppuram

4706. SHRI RAVIKUMAR D.:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up a Central University at Villuppuram district of Tamil Nadu; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank')**

(a) & (b) No, Sir. At present, there is no proposal to set up a Central University at Villuppuram district of Tamil Nadu. During 12th Plan (2012-17), as approved by National Development Council (NDC), the thrust is on consolidation of the higher education system. Expansion is to be mainly done by scaling up capacity of the existing institutions in place of setting up new institutions. The Central Government has launched Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) on cost sharing basis to assist States to open new institutions. Further, 'Education' is a concurrent subject, State Governments also take various initiatives to enhance the access to higher education in the respective States along with other Private Universities/Institutions.
