

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2290
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.03.2021**

Setting up of Central University and Strengthening of Schools

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a Central University in Leh for access to higher education in Ladakh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed to qualitatively strengthen around 15,000 schools in the country to include all components of the National Education Policy;
- (d) if so, the details and the features thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank')**

(a) to (e) Hon'ble Prime Minister in his address to the nation on 15th August 2020 announced several major initiatives including setting up a Central university in the Union Territory of Ladakh. This proposal was also included in the Union Budget 2021-22. This budget also mentions strengthening of 15000 schools to include all components of the National Education Policy with an objective to provide targeted and inclusive intervention in the schools to help them emerge as exemplar schools in their regions to achieve the ideals of the Policy.
