

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 353**  
**ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023**

**UNIVERSITIES UNDER RASHTRIYA UCHCHATAR SHIKSHA ABHIGYAN/ PM USHA**

353. SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

SMT. SULATA DEO:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Universities funded under RUSA/PM USHA; and
- (b) whether Government will consider modifying the shortlisting criteria i.e. Faculty positions filled in regular mode from 85 per cent to 75 per cent under the “Grants to Strengthen Colleges (Accredited & Unaccredited Colleges)” component of PMUSHA as in cases like MERU and Grants to Strengthen Universities (Accredited & Unaccredited Universities) component?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a): Under the Scheme of Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), a total number of 208 Universities have been approved for support under various components. The government has recently approved the third phase of Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) in the form of Pradhan Mantri Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) with an outlay of Rs. 12926.10 crore for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26. As on date, no approvals have been given under PM-USHA.

(b): As per the guidelines of the scheme of Pradhan Mantri Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA), for each component, various criteria have been given on the basis of which scoring of the proposals can be done. Among the list of such indicators, percentage of faculty positions filled in regular mode are included where institutions with more than 75% positions filled will get the highest score under the components of Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERU) and Grants to Strengthen Universities. Institutions with more than 85% positions filled will get the highest score under the component of Grants to Strengthen Colleges. However, other institutions which have lesser faculty positions filled are also eligible under the components but will get their corresponding score. Currently there is no proposal under consideration to change this criterion.

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