

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1462  
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**Establishment of a Central University or Institution of Higher Learning in Konkan,  
Maharashtra**

**1462 # Shri Dhairyashil Mohan Patil:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to establish a Central University in Raigad district, particularly in view of the expansion of Mumbai;
- (b) if not, whether Government plans to establish a Central University or any other institution of higher learning in any other district of Konkan, Maharashtra; and
- (c) if so, the location, course structure and estimated timeline for establishment of the proposed institution?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)**

(a) to (c) At present there is no proposal under consideration in this Ministry to set up a Central University or any other central higher educational institution in Maharashtra. The Central Educational Institutions are envisaged to function as pace setter institutions to provide academic leadership to other institutions in the region. There is already a Central University in Maharashtra, namely Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya. Besides Central University, other higher educational institutions like Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay; Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur; Indian Institute of Information Technology, Pune; Indian Institute of Information Technology, Nagpur; Indian Institute of Management, Mumbai; Indian Institute of Management, Nagpur and Indian Institute of Science Education & Research, Pune have also been established in Maharashtra. These higher educational institutions are catering to the need of higher education aspiration of the State as well. Further, Education is a concurrent subject and the State Governments are also taking various steps for increasing the reach of higher education in their respective states.

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