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**Collaboration between Universities and Higher Education Centres of
North East States with the rest of the country**

1484 Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to collaborate between multiple Universities and Higher Education Centres of North East with the rest of the country; and
- (b) if so, how Government is helping its Researchers from Central Universities, NIT etc. from North East to commercialize its Research findings like other parts of the country?

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) and (b): The Centrally Funded Higher Educational Institutions (CFHEIs) under the Ministry of Education include Central Universities, IITs, IIITs, NITs, IISERs, etc. which are statutory autonomous institutions established under the respective Central Acts of Parliament and governed by the provisions of the Acts /Statutes/ Ordinances/Regulations made thereunder. Currently, there are multiple collaborations between higher education institutions of North East with the rest of the country that aim to foster academic growth and research excellence in alignment with the National Education Policy. These include joint research initiatives, faculty exchange and faculty mentorship programs, student exchange programs, joint degree programs, collaborative academic projects, etc. Further, the Government of India is running several schemes and programs to aid research through collaborations and also provides funding to assist the researchers from the higher education institutions of the North East.

To give a few examples, IIT Guwahati is part of the Ministry of Education (MoE) funded AI-Centre of Excellence in Agriculture lead by IIT Ropar along with IIT Delhi and others; NIT Agartala has collaborated with IIT Madras, IIT Jammu, giving its students an opportunity to attend last one or two semesters in these other institutes and an added opportunity to complete PhD/Research work in these institutions in future by getting direct admission; similar MoUs have been signed by NIT Sikkim with IIT Hyderabad and IIT Gandhinagar; IIT Ropar collaborated with Tezpur University, Assam for a joint research project funded by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology.

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