

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1898**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025

**IMPROVING GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE IN SPUS**

1898 # SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

SHRI GHANSHYAM TIWARI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken to improve governance structures in State Public Universities (SPUs), particularly with respect to greater autonomy, leadership capacity building and transparency in decision making;
- (b) the plans being formulated by Government to promote internships, apprenticeships and skill-based education within SPUs to keep pace with the emerging job market;
- (c) whether Government has any plans to introduce innovative funding models, such as, Public Private Partnerships (PPP) or performance-based funding for SPUs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) to (d): NITI Aayog report on 'Expanding Quality Higher Education through States and State Public Universities' was released in February 2025. The report focuses on improving governance structures through capacity building of leadership and enhanced autonomy, boosting employability through internships and apprenticeships, and augmenting institutional and systemic funding and financing capacity through innovative funding models, such as PPPs. The report is recommendatory in nature and suggests various policy changes at the State Government and State Public University levels. State Public Universities are primarily the responsibility of State Governments.

As for the Central Government, various Central Government programmes and schemes such as the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP), PM-Internship Scheme, National Apprenticeship Training Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Vidyalaxmi (PM-Vidyalaxmi), and Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) are available to State Public Universities.

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