

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2925
ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025

Funds to State Government Universities

2925 **Shri Niranjana Bishi:**

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

- (a) whether Government is providing funds to specific State Government Universities and Colleges to improve the overall quality of higher educational institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of financial outlay sanctioned for the years 2021 to 2024 for State Universities and Colleges;
- (d) the number of State Universities and Colleges in Odisha that have benefited in the last five years, district-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government for the improvement of higher education in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Ministry of Education is implementing Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) which is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed at funding specific State government universities and colleges, so as to improve their quality by ensuring their conformity to prescribed norms and standards.

The government has launched the third phase of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) in June 2023 in the form of Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) with an outlay of Rs. 12926.10 crore for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26 to cater to needs of educationally unserved/ underserved areas. Under PM-USHA, priority is given to Focus Districts. The focus districts are identified by the concerned States/ UTs based on various criteria including low Gross Enrolment Ratio, Gender Parity, population proportion and enrolment proportion for females, transgenders, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes, Aspirational/ Border Area/ Left Wing Extremism prone district, etc.

Under the scheme, an amount of Rs.1068.71 Crore has been released to the States/UTs during the last three years (i.e. 2021-22 to 2023-24) and the current financial year (as on 24.03.2025).

Since the inception of the scheme in 2013, 199 units, including 38 units under PM-USHA, have been approved in Odisha, with central support of Rs. 955.26 Crore under various components of the scheme. The district-wise details of the number of projects approved under the scheme in Odisha, since inception is annexed.

The PM-USHA envisages improvement in access, equity and excellence in State Higher Education system through support under various components viz., Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERU), Grants to Strengthen Universities (GSU), Grants to Strengthen Colleges (GSC), New Model Degree Colleges (NMDC) and Gender Inclusion and Equity Initiatives (GIEI). Under the PM-USHA, all 615 units have been approved in various States/UTs with a total amount of Rs. 8178.71 Crore under various components.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PARTS (A) TO (E) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2925 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025 ASKED BY SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI REGARDING FUNDS TO STATE GOVERNMENT UNIVERSITIES

District-wise details of the number of projects approved under the scheme in Odisha, since inception

S.No.	District	No. of Units Approved	Central Share Approved (Rs. In Crore)
1	Anugul	7	13.8
2	Balangir	7	27.0
3	Balasore	14	28.8
4	Baleshwar	1	3.0
5	Bargarh	6	9.0
6	Bhadrak	6	13.8
7	Boudh	3	11.4
8	Cuttack	12	85.8
9	Deogarh	3	11.4
10	Dhenkanal	9	20.4
11	Gajapati	4	10.8
12	Ganjam	11	114.6
13	Jagatsinghapur	5	7.8
14	Jajapur	8	11.4
15	Jharsuguda	5	7.80
16	Kalahandi	6	24.0
17	Kandhamal	5	16.8
18	Kendrapara	6	9.0
19	Kendujhar	6	9.0
20	Khorda	16	122.4
21	Koraput	6	24.0
22	Malkangiri	2	8.4
23	Mayurbhanj	10	86.4
24	Nabarangpur	3	16.2
25	Nayagarh	5	13.8
26	Nuapada	4	12.6
27	Puri	6	21.0
28	Rayagada	3	9.6
29	Sambalpur	11	153.6
30	Sonapur	2	8.4
31	Sundargarh	5	19.8
32	State as a unit	2	23.46
Grand Total		199	955.26