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New Universities in North Eastern States

3550 Shri Bhubaneswar Kalita:

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

- (a) whether any application received by Government to setup new Universities in North Eastern States is pending till now, if so, the details thereof with details of Private Universities;
- (b) whether Government received any application from Private Entrepreneur to setup Private Universities in Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (c): The Central Universities are envisaged to function as pace setter institutions to provide academic leadership to other institutions in the region. At least one Central University has already been established in each North Eastern States. Presently, there are eleven Central Universities across eight North Eastern States; out of which nine Central Universities namely- Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh; Assam University, Silchar, Assam; Tezpur University, Tezpur, Assam; Manipur University, Imphal, Manipur; Mizoram University, Aizawl, Mizoram; North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya; Nagaland University, Lumami, Nagaland; Sikkim University, Gangtok, Sikkim; Tripura University, Agartala, Tripura are under the purview of Ministry of Education and two Central Universities namely- Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur and National Sports University, Imphal, Manipur are under the purview Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports respectively. Besides, Central Universities, several other higher educational institutions such as Indian Institute of Technology, Indian Institute of Management, National Institute of Technology, Indian Institute of Information Technology, North Eastern Regional Institute of Science & Technology have also been established in North Eastern States. These educational institutions are also catering to the need of higher education in North Eastern State. Now, the focus has been on consolidation of higher education systems by scaling up the capacity of existing institutions. Further, Education being a concurrent subject, the State Governments are also taking initiatives to provide greater access to higher education in respective states. Private Universities are established through Act of concerned State Legislature.
