

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 368**  
ANSWERED ON 03/12/2025

**Centre for Social Inclusion**

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

- (a) whether there are any Universities in States which do not currently possess a single Centre for Social Inclusion;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) timeline for providing funding to such Universities to set up such centres; and
- (d) total budgetary allocation for the establishment of such centres and the total funds utilised so far?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d) The scheme for “Establishment of Centres in Universities for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy” was introduced during Xth Plan. The scheme has been renamed as “Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion in Universities”. University Grants Commission (UGC) provides financial assistance to the Universities for “Establishment of Centres in Universities for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy”, as per guidelines of the scheme.

At present, there are 24 Centres for the Study of Social Inclusion in Universities, which are functioning in 14 states and getting financial assistance from UGC. As per the scheme Guidelines, this scheme was a plan-specific scheme and universities/State Government may take over the Centres after the plan period/cessation of UGC assistance. Therefore, no new Centres were established by UGC after the XI Plan.

As per the Guidelines, financial assistance is provided to these Centres on the basis of reimbursement of actual expenditure incurred on the salaries of teaching and non-teaching staff, as well as other recurring grants admissible as per the Guidelines. During the last two years, a grant of Rs.44.56 Crore has been released under the scheme to these Centres.

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