

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 503
ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026

Upgrading infrastructure and digital labs in Odisha

503 **Smt. Sulata Deo:**

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

- (a) the grants for upgrading infrastructure and digital labs in Odisha's Government colleges to improve research and innovation output; and
(b) the details thereof and if not provided, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): In alignment with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the Government has launched the third phase of Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) in June 2023 in the form of Pradhan Mantri Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26 with an outlay of Rs. 12926.10 crore, including the committed liabilities of the earlier phases of RUSA, to cater to the needs of educationally unserved/ underserved areas.

Under the Scheme, support is provided to government and government-aided HEIs of States/UTs for strengthening infrastructure, including the construction and renovation of academic and administrative buildings, hostels, research facilities, digital laboratories, and other enabling facilities required for improving access and quality in higher education, along with strengthening research and innovation output through 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).

In the State of Odisha, under RUSA and PM-USHA, a total of 199 projects for a total amount of Rs. 1581.66 crore have been approved including funding support to 14 Universities under components such as Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERU) (Rs. 100 crore), Enhancing Quality and Excellence in select State Universities (Rs. 100 crore), Grants to Strengthen Universities (GSU) (Rs. 20 crore) and Infrastructure Grants to Universities (Rs. 20 crore), etc. The component-wise details of support in these Universities is at Annexure.

Annexure

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) & (B) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 503 DATED 04.02.2026 ASKED BY SMT. SULATA DEO, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING UPGRADING INFRASTRUCTURE AND DIGITAL LABS IN ODISHA

Details of support to Universities in Odisha under RUSA/ PM-USHA

S. No.	Institution Name	Phase	Component Name	Total Amount Approved (Rs. in Cr.)
1	Berhampur University, Ganjam	RUSA 1	Infrastructure Grants to Universities	20
		PM-USHA	Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities	100
2	Biju Patnaik University of Technology, Rourkela (BPUT), Sundargarh	RUSA 1	Infrastructure Grants to Universities	20
3	Fakir Mohan University, Baleswar	RUSA 1	Infrastructure Grants to Universities	20
4	Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur	PM-USHA	Grants to Strengthen Universities	20
5	Kalahandi University, Kalahandi	PM-USHA	Grants to Strengthen Universities	20
6	Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University, Mayurbhanj	PM-USHA	Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities	100
		RUSA 1	Infrastructure Grants to Universities	20
7	Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur	PM-USHA	Grants to Strengthen Universities	20
8	Rajendra University, Balangir	PM-USHA	Grants to Strengthen Universities	20
9	Ravenshaw University, Cuttack	RUSA 1	Infrastructure Grants to Universities	20
		PM-USHA	Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities	100
10	Sambalpur University, Sambalpur	RUSA 1	Infrastructure Grants to Universities	20
		PM-USHA	Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities	100
11	Shri Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri	RUSA 1	Infrastructure Grants to Universities	20
12	Utkal University, Khordha	RUSA 1	Infrastructure Grants to Universities	20
		RUSA 2	Enhancing Quality and Excellence in select State Universities	100
13	Vikram Dev University, Koraput	PM-USHA	Grants to Strengthen Universities	20
14	VSSUT, Burla, Sambalpur	RUSA 1	Infrastructure Grants to Universities	20
Total				780