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Strengthening of Higher Education Institutions in Uttarakhand

2737 # **Shri Mahendra Bhatt:**

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

(a) the financial assistance provided for improving the infrastructure, research facilities and digital education in the Central University, State Universities and colleges in Uttarakhand during the last five years; and

(b) the plans for the coming years?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Central Universities are autonomous institutions, established by Acts of Parliament and they are governed by their own Acts, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations etc. made thereunder and they are competent to take decision in academic and administrative matters of the University. Ministry of Education releases block grant to University Grants Commission (UGC) under "Grants to Central Universities" which in turn allocates funds to individual Central Universities (CUs), including Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (HNBGU), Uttarakhand, based on their requirements, utilization of fund in previous years etc. HNBGU, Uttarakhand has been released an amount of Rs. 33.53 crore under capital head (OH-35) for improving the infrastructure during the last five years (i.e. from 2021-22 to 2025-26).

Ministry of Education is also 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. The scheme has been further extended till 31st March, 2028, for completion of PM-USHA projects and for an additional 6 months (i.e., 30th September, 2026) for completion of ongoing RUSA projects.

Since the inception of RUSA in 2013, a total of 74 projects amounting to Rs. 427.74 crore have been approved to the State of Uttarakhand, including 8 projects approved under PM-USHA for an amount of Rs. 161.60 crore. During the last five years, a total amount of Rs. 136.88 crore has been released to the State as central share including Rs. 26.19 crore released during the current financial year 2026-27 (as on 10.08.2026).

Additionally, the Government of India in the Union Budget 2026–27, has proposed for establishment of one Girls' Hostel in every district to improve access to higher education, particularly in STEM institutions, and to create affordable hostel capacity as core academic access infrastructure.
