

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 519  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.04.2017**

**Cashless Campuses of Universities**

**\*519 . DR. K. GOPAL:**

**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has launched any drive to turn University campuses cashless in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether all Centrally funded higher educational institutions would also go cashless in the year 2017; and
- (c) if so, whether the service providers and vendors are working on campuses to put digital payment mechanism in place and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 519 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.04.2017 REGARDING "CASHLESS CAMPUSES OF UNIVERSITIES" ASKED BY DR. K. GOPAL, HON'BLE MP.**

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched the Vittiya Saksharta Abhiyan to promote digital financial transactions in higher educational institutions. Under this, all the campuses have been asked to use online or digital modes for all the receipts and payments. The students have been encouraged to use the digital payment modes like BHIM app at the college canteens, thereby avoiding cash transactions. Apart from this, the student community has been used to spread awareness and promote digital financial payment systems in their neighbourhood and in the selected markets.

On conclusion of the Vittiya Saksharata Abhiyan, 2,363 institutions have been reported that they have totally switched over to the digital payment systems. The 4.29 lakh student volunteers have been reported introducing digital payment systems to 19.33 lakh persons. The student volunteers have also helped in educating 1.22 lakh vendors in using digital payment modes and avoid cash transactions.

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