

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3964
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2017**

Tribal University

†3964. SHRI HARINARAYAN RAJBHAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from various State Governments including Uttar Pradesh for setting up of tribal universities;
- (b) if so, the status of the said proposals; and
- (c) if not, whether in view of their tribal populations, the Government is likely to set up tribal universities in certain States of the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)**

(a) to (c): At present there is no proposal to set up a new Central Tribal University in the country including in Uttar Pradesh. However, the Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act 2014 envisages establishment of one Central Tribal University each in the State of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. There are other Central Universities in the States which fulfill the aspirations of higher education of tribal youth of the region.

During 12th Plan (2012-17) as approved by National Development Council (NDC) the thrust is on consolidation of the higher education system. Expansion would be mainly done by scaling up capacity of the existing institutions in place of setting up new institutions. The Central Government has launched Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) on cost sharing basis to assist States to open new institutions. Since 'Education' is a concurrent subject, State Governments are also taking various initiatives to enhance the access to higher education in the respective States along with other Private Universities/Institutions.
