

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 5897  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.04.2017

**Cultural Universities**

**5897. SHRI P. KUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether there are cultural universities functioning in the country at present and if so, the details thereof, State wise;
- (b) whether Government has given any additional scheme or funds for the improvement and enhancement of these universities and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether all these universities are affiliated or approved by the Government and University Grants Commission (UGC); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has intimated that there is one Culture University i.e. Utkal University of Culture, Odisha which is a State funded University established by the Act of the State Legislature of Odisha.

UGC has further informed that this culture University is not eligible to receive central assistance as it is not included in the list of Universities under Section 12B of the UGC Act, 1956.

Further, Ministry of Culture has informed that there are no institutions under the administrative control of it named as Cultural Universities. However, there are four teaching institutions declared as Deemed to be Universities under Ministry of Culture. These Universities /autonomous organizations are affiliated/ approved by the Government and UGC and are fully funded by the Ministry of Culture. Details of budget allocated and funds released to these Universities in the years 2016-17 are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)				
Sl. No.	State/UT	Name of the Institute/University	Budget Allocated	Funds Released
1.	Bihar	Nava Nalanda Mahavihara (NNM), Nalanda.	2096.00	1364.09
2.	Jammu & Kashmir	Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS), Leh Ladakh.	1834.00	1692.52
3.	Delhi	National Museum Institute, New Delhi	1559.50	900.89
4.	Uttar Pradesh	Central University of Tibetan Studies (CUTS), Sarnath, Varanasi.	3045.00	2225.42

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