

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.01.2018

ESTABLISHMENT OF TRIBAL UNIVERSITY

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to establish any central tribal universities recently in the country and if so, the details thereof including the list of selected States and places for the purpose;
- (b) whether all criteria followed is like that of other central universities and if so the details thereof;;
- (c) whether the university provides arrange of skill development programs too and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reasons in case the Government does not have a plan to open a tribal university in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI JASWANTSINH BHABHOR)

(a) to (d): As informed by Ministry of Human Resource Development, at present, there is no proposal to set up new Central Tribal Universities in the country. However, the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014 provides the establishment of one Central University in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh and one Tribal University each in the State of Andhra Pradesh and in the State of Telangana

All criteria followed are like that of other Central Universities. However, Tribal Universities tend to facilitate and promote avenues of higher education and advance knowledge by providing instructional and research facilities in tribal art, culture, tradition, language, medicinal systems, customs, forest based economic activities, flora, fauna and advancement in technologies to the tribal population in these States.

From 12th Plan, as approved by National Development Council, 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. Besides, the Central Government has launched Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) on cost sharing basis to assist States to open new institutions, consolidate old ones and take appropriate steps to ensure quality in higher education.
