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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1532 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.2018

Higher Education sector

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has made any assessment of the progress made in higher education sector during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the expenditure incurred on higher education sector during the said period by the Government; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up more higher educational institutions like Central Universities/Technical and Management Institutions in States in the country including Rajasthan?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a): Ministry of Human Resource Development has been conducting All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) on annual basis to assess the progress made in the higher education sector in India. Details on important indicators from AISHE are given as under:

Year	Total Enrolment	Gross Enrolment Ratio(GER) for population in the age group of 18-23 years
2014-15	34211637	24.3
2015-16	34584781	24.5
2016-17	35705905	25.2

Source: All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE)

- (b): Actual expenditure incurred by Department of Higher Education for the year 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 is Rs.23169.17 crore, Rs. 25542.25 crore and Rs. 29019.16 crore respectively.
- (c): At present there is no proposal under consideration to set up new Central Universities in the country including Rajasthan. However, the Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act 2014 envisages for establishment of one Central Tribal University each in the State of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and one Central University in the successor state of Andhra Pradesh in the 12th and 13th Plans. Further, the Prime Minister announced a package for Bihar on 18.8.2015 which includes establishment of a Central University near Bhagalpur at the historic site of Vikramshila University.