

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4843  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2018**

**New National Universities**

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

- (a) whether the Government has received suggestion/demand from organisations /commissions or individuals for setting up of more national universities to cater to the need of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to set up new national universities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e) : At present there is no proposal to set up a new National University in the Country. According to the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan (2012-17), 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. However, the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014 provides for 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.

‘Education’ being a concurrent subject, the State Governments are also taking various initiatives to increase the reach of higher education in the respective States. Besides, Private Universities/Institutions are also catering to the higher educational aspirations of the youth of the country.

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