

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3006
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018**

Central Universities

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

- (a) the total number of Central Universities in the country;
- (b) whether this number is in line with the proportion of the number of students;
- (c) if so, whether the Government is considering to set up/start new central university and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up a new central university in Bundelkhand region; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): At present, there are 48 Central Universities in the country and out of these, 41 Central Universities are under the purview of this Ministry.

(b): The Central Universities have been set up in almost all the States with the objective to increase research and quality of higher education and they are envisaged to play a lead role in higher education. Apart from Central Universities, there are a number of State Universities, Deemed to be Universities, Private Universities etc. to cater to the need of the students' community in the country.

(c) to (e): There is no proposal at present to set up new Central Universities in the country. However, the Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act, 2014 envisages establishment of one Central Tribal University each in the State of Andhra Pradesh and Telengana and one Central University in the successor state of Andhra Pradesh. 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.