

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4250  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.01.2019**

**Tribal University**

†4250. SHRI VIKRAM USENDI:

DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

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

- (a) whether the Government has rejected the proposal sent by Chhattisgarh Government to set-up a Central Tribal University at Bastar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for not approving the said proposal;
- (c) whether a proposal/request to set-up a campus of Central Tribal University located in the adjoining area of Amarkantak particularly for the Tribals of Bastar has been forwarded by Chhattisgarh Government to the Central Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e) At present there is no proposal under consideration to establish a new Central Tribal University in Bastar in Chhattisgarh. A proposal was received from the State Government of Chhattisgarh to set up a regional study centre of Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU) in Bastar. However, it was decided that the University should first stabilize its operations at its main campus before any expansion is considered. As per 12<sup>th</sup> Plan (2012-17) as approved by National Development Council (NDC), 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 upgrade existing institutions to Universities provided they are eligible as per norms.

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