

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 201
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th JUNE, 2019

Professional and Higher Education

201. MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

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

- (a) whether any new projects for Professional and Higher Education are lying pending before the Government for the Lakshadweep;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to expedite completion/implementation of such projects?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI. RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (c): Education being in the concurrent list, the creation of new institutions is the responsibility of both Central and State governments. However, recognizing the need for central support for achieving the aims of access, equity and excellence by strategically funding the State higher education system, a centrally sponsored scheme namely Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) has been implemented by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Under RUSA, inter alia, central assistance is provided for setting up of New College (Professional & Technical). Approval for central assistance under the scheme is dependent upon the submission of the State Higher Educational Plan (SHEP) by the States/Union Territories (UTs) and the subsequent appraisal by the Project Approval Board (PAB) of RUSA. However, the UT of Lakshadweep has not yet submitted its willingness to participate in the scheme of RUSA.
