

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3419
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.07.2019**

DIGITAL PAYMENTS IN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

3419. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched any drive to turn University Campuses cashless in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether all Centrally funded higher educational institutions would also go cashless in the year 2017; and
- (c) if so, whether the service providers and vendors are working on campuses to put digital payment mechanism in place and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) :- Yes Sir. Ministry of Human Resource Development had launched "Vittiya Saksharta Abhiyan" in December 2016 under which an appeal was made to all the higher educational institutions to develop a cashless campus. Further, Government has taken several initiatives to turn University Campuses cashless by promoting digital transactions. All Universities/affiliated Institutions, Technical Institutions and Centrally Funded Higher Educational Institutions including IITs/IIMs/IITs etc. were instructed to ensure making all receipts and payments related to the functioning of the Institution viz. student fees, exam fees, vendor payments, salary/wage payments etc. only through on line or digital modes. They were also asked to encourage all the canteens and business establishments on the campus to use only digital modes for their receipts and payments. All the Central Universities under this Ministry, all Indian Institutes of Technologies (IITs), all Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), all National Institutes of Technology (NITs), and all Indian Institutes of Information Technologies (IITMs) are fully digitalized in their receipts and payments. Point of Sale (POS) machines have been kept/ installed in their canteens and campus stores.
