GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 776 ANSWERED ON 12.12.2022

RASHTRIYA UCHCHATAR SHIKSHA ABHIYAN

776. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA);
- (b) the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under RUSA within Assam during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of the target set and the achievements made so far along with its response within the country;
- (d) whether grants are given to States for establishment of colleges under RUSA within the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has noticed that there is an urgent need for establishment of two girls colleges in Ratabari of Karimganj district and Katlicherra in Hailakandi district in Assam;
- (f) if so, whether the Government has received any proposal in this regard; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken/likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)

- (a) Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed at funding the specific State government universities and colleges, so as to improve the overall quality of existing state higher educational institutions by ensuring their conformity to prescribed norms and standards. Through the scheme of RUSA, the Central Government aims to improve the quality of the targeted State universities and colleges by enhancing existing capacities of the institutions to respond to the rapid economic and technological developments occurring at the local, state, national and international levels.
- (b) The details of central share approved and released under RUSA to Assam and the details of central share utilisation by Assam as informed by the State is given below:

(in Rs. Crores)

Central Share Approved		Central Share Released		Central Share utilised
Since inception of Scheme (2013-14)	During the last three years and Current year (1st April 2019 to 1st November 2022)	Since inception of Scheme (2013-14)	During the last three years and Current year (1 st April 2019 to 1 st November 2022)	Since inception of Scheme (2013-14)
678.29	8.10	487.45	92.73	394.26

- (c) The details of the component –wise target set and approvals given under the scheme are annexed.
- (d) Support for setting up of Model Degree Colleges(MDCs) and New Colleges (Professional & Technical) is provided to States/UTs under RUSA. Under RUSA, so far, central support for setting up of 130 MDCs and 37 Professional Colleges have been approved. Further, support for 64 MDCs had been approved under the erstwhile scheme of University Grants Commission namely 'Scheme for providing financial assistance to New Model Colleges in Educationally Backward Districts (EBDs)' which has been subsumed under RUSA.
- (e) to (g) Under the erstwhile scheme of UGC, support has been approved for one MDC each in the districts of Karimganj and Hailakandi. As informed by the State, no proposal for establishment of girls' colleges was submitted for these districts. The State has also informed that there are already two girls' colleges in Karimganj District and one girls' college in Hailakandi District.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 776 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2022 REGARDING RASHTRIYA UCHCHATAR SHIKSHA ABHIYAN ASKED BY SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

COMPONENT -WISE TARGET SET AND APPROVALS GIVEN UNDER RUSA

		RUS	A 1.0	RUSA 2.0	
S. No.	Component Name	Target number of Units	Approved number of Units	Target number of Units	Approved number of Units
1	Creation of Universities by way of Upgradation of Existing Autonomous Colleges	45	8	3	3
2	Creation of Universities by Conversion of Colleges in a Cluster	35	8	3	2
3	Excellence & Quality Enhancement of Universities	1	1	10	10
4	Infrastructure Grants to Universities	150	115	50	42
5	New Model Degree Colleges	60	60	70	70
6	Upgradation of Existing Degree Colleges to Model Colleges	54	54	75	75
7	New Colleges (Professional & Technical)	40	29	8	8
8	Infrastructure Grants to Colleges	3500	1249	750	750
9	Enhancing Quality & Excellence in Select Autonomous Colleges	1	1	70	70
10	Research, Innovation and Quality Improvement	10	3	20	20
11	Equity Initiatives	20	17	15	15
12	Faculty Recruitment Support	5000	25	200	187
13	Faculty Improvement Support	20	7	8	8
14	Vocationalisation of Higher Education	20	8	-	-
15	Preparatory Grants	35	35	30	30