

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1717**  
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**PROMOTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN RURAL AREAS**

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to take higher education to rural areas across the country and make it more inclusive and equitable;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated funds to be spent and the targets likely to be set thereunder;
- (c) the number of States likely to be covered thereunder;
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to promote higher education in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and
- (e) the time by which these districts are likely to be provided higher education?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): Education being in the Concurrent List, enhancing the quality of education is the responsibility of both the Central and State Governments. However, recognizing the need for central assistance, the Central Government has implemented various schemes for supporting State Governments. Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed at funding new institutions and specific State government universities and colleges, so as to improve their quality by ensuring their conformity to prescribed norms and standards. Under RUSA, priority is given to unserved and underserved areas. Till date, central share amounting to Rs. 7058.86 crores has been released under the scheme.

RUSA is a pan-India scheme. All States/ UTs (except Lakshadweep) had submitted willingness to participate in RUSA and all these States/ UTs have been approved support under the scheme. The State-wise/ district-wise details of total amount approved including the districts of Uttar Pradesh, under various components of RUSA is available at [https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload\\_files/mhrd/files/upload\\_document/Funds\\_under\\_RUSA.pdf](https://www.education.gov.in/sites/upload_files/mhrd/files/upload_document/Funds_under_RUSA.pdf)

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