

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †5265.  
ANSWERED ON 3.4.2023**

**Central University in Dharamshala**

**†5265. SHRI KISHAN KAPOOR:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for not constructing a permanent building for the Central University in Dharamshala till date which is the headquarters of Kangra district in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has not given clearance for the construction of the said University in Dharamshala; and
- (d) (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) to (c) The State Government has so far transferred only around 24 Ha of Non-Forest land to the University for establishment of Dharamshala campus. State Government has not been able to transfer another 65 Ha Forest land proposed for construction of Dharamshala Campus as Forest Clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has not been received so far. MoEF&CC has observed that the construction of the Central University is a non-site specific activity and the State Government has not submitted any valid justification as to how use of forest land in instant case is unavoidable.

The reply to the observations has been submitted by the State Government to MoEF&CC on 20.03.2023.

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