

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

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Setting Up of New Central Universities

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the works undertaken for setting up of new Central Universities in West Bengal, Bihar particularly Sitamarhi and Bhagalpur Parliamentary Constituency and Maharashtra particularly Amravati Parliamentary Constituency during the recent years, including the progress made in this regard;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated, released and spent towards establishment of new Central Universities, State-wise and district-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the district-wise details of the amount/funds released and spent under the scheme in Maharashtra particularly in Amravati Parliamentary Constituency?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (c): With a view to increase the access and improve the quality of higher education and to address the issue of regional imbalance in the country, the 11th five Year Plan (2007-2012), as approved by the National Development Council (NDC), envisaged setting up of one Central University each in States which did not have any Central Universities till then.

During 12th Plan (2012-17) as approved by the NDC, the thrust was on consolidation of the higher education system. Expansion was to be mainly done by scaling up capacity of the existing institutions in place of setting up new institutions. Presently, there is no proposal under consideration of this Ministry for setting up of a new Central University in West Bengal or Maharashtra. However, the PM Package for Bihar, 2015 inter-alia provides for establishment of a new Central university near Bhagalpur at the historic site of Vikramshila.

Moreover, the Central Universities are envisaged to function more as pace setter institutions to provide academic leadership to other institutions in the region. 'Education' being a concurrent subject, the State Governments are also taking various initiatives to provide greater access to higher education in their respective States.

Ministry of Education allocates Block grant to the UGC under the Scheme "Grants to Central Universities" which in turn allocate funds to individuals Central Universities based on their requirement. Details of funds released to new Central Universities in last three years are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Name of the University	In Rs Cr.		
			2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF ANDHRA PRADESH	4.80	125.10	13.08
2		CENTRAL TRIBAL UNIVERSITY OF ANDHRA PRADESH	3.20	13.37	9.00
3		NATIONAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY	0.00	54.61	76.94
4	BIHAR	MAHATMA GANDHI CENTRAL UNIVERSITY	35.99	34.56	35.98
5	DELHI	SHRI LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI NATIONAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY	0.00	63.86	70.64
6		CENTRAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY	0.00	225.04	309.77
7	LADAKH	CENTRAL SINDHU UNIVERSITY	0.00	0.00	0.09
		TOTAL	43.99	516.53	515.49
