

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 6
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.11.2019**

Setting up of New Universities

†6. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal for setting up new universities from the States including Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has accorded approval to the said proposals;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank')**

(a) to (e) At present, there is no proposal for setting up a new Central University in Rajasthan. However, as per the Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act 2014, one Central Tribal University is proposed in the State of Telangana. Further, the Prime Minister announced a package for Bihar on 18.8.2015 which includes establishment of a Central University near Bhagalpur at the historic site of Vikramshila University. As per the 12th Plan (2012-17), as approved by the National Development Council, 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. The Central Government has launched Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) on cost sharing basis to assist States to open new institutions. Further, 'education' being a concurrent subject, the State Government also takes initiative in establishing new universities.
