

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1208
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2020**

University in Namakkal

1208. SHRI A.K.P. CHINRAJ:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish a new university in Namakkal district in Tamil Nadu exclusively for Arts and Science Government Colleges and Private Colleges situated across the Namakkal district;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) At present there is no proposal to set up a new Central University at Namakkal district of Tamil Nadu. From 12th Plan (2012-17) as approved by National Development Council (NDC), the thrust is on consolidation of the higher education system. Expansion is to be done mainly by scaling up capacity of the existing institutions in place of setting up new institutions. Besides, the Central Government has launched Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) on cost sharing basis to assist States to upgrade existing institutions to Universities provided they are eligible as per norms. Further, 'Education' is a concurrent subject, the State Government also takes various initiative to enhance the access to higher education in the respective States along with other Private Universities/Institution.
