

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4613  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2020**

**Central University in Minority Districts**

**†4613. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open a Central University in minority districts considering the education standard of minorities;
- (b) if so, the time by which the said Universities are likely to be opened by the Government; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) The setting up of Universities is an ongoing process. Recently two Central Universities have been established in Andhra Pradesh and one Central Tribal University is proposed in Telangana under Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act 2014. However, at present there is no proposal to open a Central University in minority districts. As per the 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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