

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

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 79
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2020**

Tribal University

†79. SHRI ARUN SAO:

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

- (a) whether a proposal sent by the State Government of Chhattisgarh regarding setting up of a Central Tribal University in Bastar was rejected by the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for rejecting the said proposal;
- (c) whether the State government of Chhattisgarh has sent a proposal/ made a request to the Government regarding setting up of a campus of the Central Tribal University functioning in Amarkantak adjacent to Chhattisgarh State for providing education to the tribals of Bastar;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) At present there is no proposal under consideration to establish a new Central Tribal University in Bastar in Chhattisgarh. A proposal was received from the State Government of Chhattisgarh to set up a regional study centre of Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU) in Bastar. However, it was decided that the University should first stabilize its operations at its main campus before any expansion is considered. As per 12th Plan (2012-17) as approved by National Development Council (NDC), the thrust is on consolidation of the higher education system. Expansion would be mainly done by scaling up capacity of the existing institutions in place of setting up new institutions. Besides, the Central Government has launched Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) on cost sharing basis to assist States to upgrade existing institutions to Universities provided they are eligible as per norms.
