

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3293  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

**Vikramshila University**

**†3293.SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Vikramshila University is in a state of ruin;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of steps taken to utilise the funds out of the corpus of Rupees Five Hundred Crore under the package as announced by the Prime Minister for the purpose; and
- (d) the other appropriate measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the revival of Vikramshila University?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION**

**(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

(a) to (d) The Central University functions as a pace setter institution in the region. Keeping in view the requirements of the state, the Government has already established four Central Universities in Bihar. The PM Package for Bihar, 2015 inter-alia provides for establishment of a new Central university near Bhagalpur at the historic site of Vikramshila University. The Government of Bihar has offered the sites for the proposed University and the Site Selection Committee of this Ministry is to visit the site to finalize the suitability of one site. This University will be functional only after the legislation by the Parliament.

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