

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3597
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2021**

Number of Universities

3597. Ms. Debasree Chaudhuri:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Universities at present run by the Government in the country and the number of students enrolled therein ;
- (b) the total number of private Universities/Colleges at present in the country and the students enrolled therein;
- (c) the total number of students belonging to reserved categories enrolled in private Universities/Colleges; and
- (d) the details of safeguards in the National Education Policy, 2020 which ensures higher education to students from marginalised, disadvantaged and under-represented groups?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(Smt. ANNPURNA DEVI)**

(a): The details of total number of Universities run by the Government in the country and the number of students enrolled therein are available at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): The details of total number of Private Universities/Colleges in the country and the category wise details of the number of students enrolled therein are available at Annexure-II.

(d): The National Education Policy, 2020 aims to ensure that no child loses any opportunity to learn and excel because of the circumstances of birth or background. It proposes special emphasis to be given on Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs). In higher education, it aims at addressing specifically lack of knowledge of higher education opportunities, economic opportunity cost of pursuing higher education, financial constraints, admission processes, geographical and language barriers and lack of appropriate student support mechanisms, enhancing access by establishing more high-quality HEIs in aspirational districts, Scholarship/Fellowships for SEDGs/Girls/Divyangs, etc

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART A OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3597 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH DECEMBER, 2021 REGARDING NUMBER OF UNIVERSITIES ASKED BY MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI, HON'BLE MP:

Type of University	Number of Universities	Number of Students enrolled
Central Universities	48	720025
Central Open University	1	1167336
Institute of National Importance	134	293336
Deemed University- Government	36	39727
State Public University	386	2578473
Institution under State legislature Act	5	6052
State Open University	14	1208060
Total	624	6013009

Source: All India Survey on Higher Education 2019-20

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART B AND C OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3597 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH DECEMBER, 2021 REGARDING NUMBER OF UNIVERSITIES ASKED BY MS. DEBASREE CHAUDHURI, HON'BLE MP:

Category of Institution	Type of University / College	Number of Institutions	Number of Students enrolled				
			SC	ST	OBC	Others	All
University	State Private University	327	96284	56292	280333	843292	1276201
	Deemed University-Private	80	44341	16254	239491	488676	788762
	Deemed University-Government Aided	10	6131	1311	18796	29931	56169
	State Private Open University	1	-	949	-	3278	4227
College	Private-Aided	5336	796605	330762	2208804	2481154	5817325
	Private-Unaided	26054	1783697	437557	5020087	4957738	12199079
Total		31808	2727058	843125	7767511	8804069	20141763

Source: All India Survey on Higher Education 2019-20
