GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2529 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022

University of Ladakh

2529. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of University of Ladakh in context to University Act, details of the courses, infrastructures, student enrolments, incubation/skill centre and funding;
- (b) whether the University has adequate faculties of teaching and non-teaching staffs and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of main difference between University of Ladakh and proposed Sindhu Central University in Ladakh in terms of course, funding, and nature of student enrolment;
- (d) whether the Government has the vision to run both the Universities smoothly with adequate availability of courses, enrolments, infrastructures, funding and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the future plan of the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a)&(b): University of Ladakh is a State University which was established in 2019 by the Act No. LVI of 2018 of State Legislature of Jammu & Kashmir. The Name of the University is included in the list of Universities established as per section 2 (f) of the UGC Act, 1956. University of Ladakh is running 22 courses viz. Botany, Arabic, Chemistry, Computer Sciences, English, Geography, Urdu, Environment Science, MA (Education), B.Ed. B.PED, Zoology, Mathematics, Geology, Commerce, Political Science, History, Economics, Forensic Science, Police Adm., Sociology, MTTM. The University of Ladakh has two campuses, one at Leh and other at Kargil consisting of few Academic blocks, one administrative office and small hostel facility at both Leh and Kargil Campuses besides the six constituent colleges viz. EJM Leh, GDC Nubra, GDC Khaltse, GDC Kargil, GDC Drass and GDC Zanskar. The total student enrolment is 549 in the University Campus including the students enrolled in the current academic session

2022-23. The University does not have incubation/skill centre. The University of Ladakh is funded by UT of Ladakh through Grant-in-Aid which for FY 2022-23 stands at Rs. 15.4 Crore. Presently, there are fifty two (52) posts sanctioned by Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

(c) to (e): University of Ladakh is running 22 courses for the benefit of students of Ladakh in both campuses. The new Central University would not only attract insiders but from across the country. The new Central University will share resources (Teachers & infrastructure) with the University of Ladakh. Both the universities would function synergistically complementing each other. Accordingly, Sindhu Central University would have mostly different subjects than the ones offered by the University of Ladakh.
