

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1064
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Establishment of Central University in West Bengal

1064 Shri Jagannath Sarkar:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any plan to establish a Central University in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any initiative to establish a Department of Social Science, given that the only Central University in West Bengal, Visva-Bharati University, does not have such a department, and therefore, the Government does not have any Department of Social Science under its auspices in West Bengal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)**

(a) to (d): There is already one Central University namely Visva-Bharati in West Bengal. Visva-Bharti University already has a faculty of Social Science, that is, Vidya Bhavana (Institute of Social Sciences) which runs various UG, PG, Ph.D courses/programmes in subjects like Economics and Politics, Philosophy and Religion, Geography, History, Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology (AIHCA), Anthropology etc. In addition, Visva-Bharti has an Institute of Rural Reconstruction which runs UG, PG, Ph.D courses/programmes in Social Work, Rural Management, Rural Extension and lifelong learning.
