

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 210
ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024**

PM Package of 500 Crore for Bhagalpur University

†210 Shri Ajay Kumar Mandal:

Will the Minister of **EDUCATION** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Vikramshila University in Bhagalpur in the State of Bihar was sanctioned a PM package of Rs. 500 crore;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the said funds have been transferred to the Government of Bihar by the Union Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and;
- (e) if not, the steps being taken by the Government for disbursement and utilization of the said amount?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): 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 with the cost of Rs. 500 Crore. Ministry of Education establishes the Central University for which the fund is incurred/spent by Central Government and not transferred to the State Government.

The State Government has to provide suitable land free of cost and free from all encumbrances for the proposed University. This Ministry requested the State Govt of Bihar in the year 2015 to provide suitable site of 500 Acre. However, considering the request of the State Govt, it was decided that the State Govt may provide 200 Acres of land to begin with and identify another 300 Acres for future expansion. Thereafter, the sites offered by the State Govt of Bihar were visited in February 2022 by the Site Selection Committee (SSC) of this Ministry. However, the sites were not found suitable as the sites were flood prone, away from the ancient site and not easily accessible. In the year 2024, the Government of Bihar offered another site at Malakpur and Antichak in Kahalgaon measuring about 205.05 Acre for the proposed University which has been accepted by this Ministry. Based on the details, the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi has been entrusted the work to prepare the Detailed Project Report for the University.
