

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No 642
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2024

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW TRIBAL UNIVERSITY

642. DR. KALYAN VAIJINATHRAO KALE:

Will the Minister of **TRIBAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that India has only two central Tribal universities, one is Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU) and another is Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh (CTUAP);

(b) if so, whether the Government has any plan to establish new Tribal Universities in the country to provide higher education and research facilities to tribal students and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has selected any land in Maharashtra to establish a National Tribal University, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether there is any plan to provide free and compulsory education to Tribal students and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a): Department of Higher Education is the nodal Ministry for establishing Central Universities. As informed by DoHE, at present there are three Central Tribal Universities in the country namely Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh; Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh; and Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University, Telangana.

(b) to (c): Presently, as informed by DoHE, no proposal is under consideration to establish a Central Tribal University in the State of Maharashtra or anywhere in the Country.

(d): Ministry of Tribal Affairs is implementing the 5 Scholarship Schemes to amongst ST population in all States/UTs and districts of the country:-

- i) Pre-Matric Scholarship for ST students (Class IX and X)
- ii) Post Matric Scholarship for ST students (Class XI and above)
- iii) National Fellowship for Higher Education for ST students. (For MPhil and PhD)
- iv) National Scholarship for Higher Education for ST students(Top Class for higher education in top 265 Institutes)
- v) National Overseas Scholarship for ST students.(For pursuing higher education abroad)

Under the scheme, there are 2 components. The fee component and stipend, which is paid to ST students as per extant guidelines. The details of these scheme may be viewed at web site of the Ministry (tribal.nic.in) Ministry is also implementing scheme of EMRS, where in there is target to set up of 728 EMRSs. As on date, 715 schools have been sanctioned, out of which 476 EMRSs have been functional across the country benefiting about 1,33,929 students covering 264 districts in 28 States/UTs. The number of seats for boys and girls in these schools are equal. An amount of Rs. 1.09 lakh is spent on each student and free boarding and lodging facilities are provided.
