

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 43  
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025**

**Assam University Diphu Campus**

**43 Shri Raja Ram Singh:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a demand of the people from Tribal area of Karbi Anglong district to upgrade the Assam University, Diphu campus into full fledged central university;
- (b) whether the Government has initiated any steps in time bound manner for upgradation of Assam University, Diphu Campus to full-fledged central university at Diphu, Karbi Anglong;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): The Central University is envisaged to function more as pace setter institutions to provide academic leadership to other institutions in the region. Presently, there are already two Central Universities in the State of Assam, namely Assam University, Silchar and Tezpur University, Tezpur. This Ministry has established other Central higher educational institutes in Assam also like Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati; Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Guwahati; National Institute of Technology (NIT), Silchar. Different Ministries have also established their domain specific institutions in Assam. Moreover, 'Education' being a concurrent subject, the State Governments are also taking various initiatives to provide greater access to higher education in their respective states. The matter of upgradation of Diphu Campus into a full-fledged Central University is contingent upon several factors such as population of the region, number of pre-existing educational institutions in the region, minimum area requirement for establishing a central university etc.

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