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Central University in Sangrur, Punjab

1242. Shri Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government evaluated the need for establishment of Central University in Sangrur, Barnala and Malerkotla to improve access to quality education;
(b) the details of steps taken by the Government to address educational disparity being faced by the students of Sangrur in comparison to neighbouring districts;
(c) whether the Government considered it a viable site for establishment of Central University in Sangrur under the provision of Central Universities Act;
(d) whether the Government has conducted feasibility studies or proposed a timeline for establishment of Central University in Sangrur; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): The Central Universities are envisaged to function as pace setter institutions to provide academic leadership to other institutions in the region. There is already a Central University in Punjab, namely Central University of Punjab in Bathinda which is catering to the educational aspirations of State of Punjab also. Besides Central University, this Ministry has established several other higher educational institutions in Punjab such as Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar; Indian Institute of Management, Amritsar; Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Mohali; Dr. B. R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology Jalandhar etc. These educational institutions are also catering to the need of higher education aspiration in the State of Punjab. Now, the focus has been on consolidation of higher education systems by scaling up the capacity of existing institutions. Further, Education being a concurrent subject, the State Governments are also taking initiatives to provide greater access to higher education in respective states.

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