

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1529**  
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2026

**Status of Infrastructure and Faculty Position in Central University, Odisha**

**1529. Shri Saptagiri Sankar Ulaka:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the infrastructure status of the Central University of Odisha, including availability of permanent campus facilities, hostels, laboratories, libraries, digital infrastructure and student amenities, if so, the details of funds sanctioned and utilised in this regard during the last five years;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note of the faculty and non-teaching staff position in the University, including sanctioned strength and actual vacancies, if so, the details of the steps being taken to fill these posts on a regular basis;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the research output, funding received, centres of excellence, collaborations and doctoral enrolment of the University, if so, the details thereof, particularly in areas relevant to tribal studies, regional development and local livelihoods; and
- (d) whether the University is complying with reservation norms for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) in admissions, faculty recruitment and staff appointments, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure full compliance and inclusivity?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): The Central University of Odisha (CUO) has been provided adequate financial support for the development of its permanent campus. During the last five years, an amount of ₹609.71 crore has been sanctioned as grant-in-aid for construction of its permanent campus against which ₹189 crore has been released by the University Grants Commission (UGC) based on utilisation of funds.

Academic activities of the University are being conducted using the completed infrastructure facilities including academic blocks, library buildings, hostels, staff quarters and guest house. The University is not facing any difficulty in conducting its academic

programmes and appropriate measures are taken from time to time to strengthen its infrastructure, faculty strength and student facilities.

Recruitment of faculty and non-teaching staff is a continuous process and is carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Central Universities Act, 2009, the Statutes and Ordinances of the University, and applicable rules as and when vacancies arise. The Central University of Odisha is a statutory autonomous institution established under an Act of Parliament. All academic and administrative decisions are taken by the University through its statutory bodies such as the Executive Council, Academic Council and Court.

The University complies with reservation norms for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) in admissions, faculty recruitment and staff appointments in accordance with the extant reservation rules of the Government of India.

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