

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3694
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2026

HEIs Targeted under PM-USHA

†3694. Smt. Delkar Kalaben Mohanbhai:
Shri Gyaneshwar Patil:
Shri Bhumare Sandipanrao Asaram:

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

- (a) the details of the total number of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) targeted under the Pradhan Mantri Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) across various States in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the specific steps taken by the Government to ensure the participation of all States and Union Territories (UTs) in the said scheme;
- (c) the details of industry collaborations, internships and vocational modules initiated under the said scheme particularly in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu and in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra;
- (d) whether the said scheme is likely to bridge regional disparities and improve the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof including the UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and the States of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The government launched the third phase of Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) in June 2023 in the form of Pradhan Mantri Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA), with an outlay of Rs. 12,926.10 crore, including the committed liabilities of the earlier phases of RUSA, to cater to the needs of educationally unserved/ underserved areas. PM-USHA is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed at funding specific State government universities and colleges, so as to improve their quality by ensuring their conformity to prescribed norms and standards.

Under PM-USHA, priority is given to focus districts which are identified by the concerned States/ UTs based on various criteria, including low Gross Enrolment Ratio, Gender Parity, population proportion and enrolment proportion for females, transgenders, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes, Aspirational/ Border Area/ Left Wing Extremism district etc.

All the States/ UTs had the option to participate in implementation of PM-USHA in their States/ UTs. Under the scheme, a total of 613 units have been approved in various States/UTs for a total support amounting to Rs. 8190.73 crore. The State-wise details of number of units and amount approved under PM-USHA are at Annexure.

(c): A total of 38 units in Madhya Pradesh and 61 units in Maharashtra have been approved a total support of Rs. 570.65 crore and Rs. 814.24 crore respectively under PM-USHA. Furthermore, under various components of the scheme, States/ UTs may undertake several activities such as (i) setting up start-up incubation centres and technology development centres for skill-based courses with the help of Industries/ Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME); (ii) MoUs signed with industry for internship/ research/ entrepreneurship/ employment; (iii) placement/ training and certification programmes, structural reforms according to the increased industry-ready courses and industry-academia linkages; (iv) internship/ apprenticeship embedded degree programme; (v) vocational courses for 21st-century skills, internships/ training regarding vocational education; (vi) focus on skilling and vocationalization training/ workshops/ placement for females, transgenders etc.

(d) & (e): To correct the regional imbalances in access to higher education, PM-USHA aims to facilitate access to high-quality institutions in urban & semi-urban areas; create opportunities for students from rural areas to get access to better quality institutions; set up institutions in unserved & underserved areas; and, focus on low GER, Left Wing Extremism (LWE)/ border area/ aspirational districts and districts with higher SC/ ST population.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) & (B) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3694 DATED 16.03.2026 ASKED BY SMT. DELKAR KALABEN MOHANBHAI, SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL & SHRI BHUMARE SANDIPANRAO ASARAM, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, REGARDING HEIs TARGETED UNDER PM-USHA

State-wise details of number of units and amount approved under PM-USHA:

S. No.	State/UT	Total Number of Units Approved	Total Amount Approved (Rs. Cr)
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	3	18.61
2	Andhra Pradesh	33	378.74
3	Arunachal Pradesh	7	55.55
4	Assam	24	287.80
5	Bihar	25	388.85
6	Chandigarh	4	25.25
7	Chhattisgarh	21	272.58
8	Goa	2	106.04
9	Gujarat	30	419.15
10	Haryana	20	183.08
11	Himachal Pradesh	10	181.56
12	Jammu and Kashmir	18	156.49
13	Jharkhand	27	307.83
14	Karnataka	31	438.32
15	Kerala	18	409.04
16	Ladakh	3	31.30
17	Madhya Pradesh	38	570.65
18	Maharashtra	61	814.24
19	Manipur	10	85.82
20	Meghalaya	7	55.55
21	Mizoram	7	50.50
22	Nagaland	10	106.05
23	Odisha	38	676.70
24	Puducherry	4	25.25
25	Punjab	18	136.34
26	Rajasthan	34	333.30
27	Sikkim	7	70.70
28	Telangana	22	272.70
29	Tripura	7	65.65
30	Uttar Pradesh	66	1025.19
31	Uttarakhand	8	161.60
Total		613	8110.43
Grand Total with 1% Central share MMER		613	8190.73