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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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PM-USHA Support for Universities and College

93. Shri Balashowry Vallabhaneni:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the aims and objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) and the manner in which the scheme is supporting universities and colleges in the areas of education, research and infrastructure development;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Krishna University, Machilipatnam, Andhra Pradesh, has been identified under PM-USHA and if so, the details of components under which funds are sanctioned, released and utilized along with the present status of the same;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that some proposals submitted by the Government of Andhra Pradesh under PM-USHA are under consideration of the Union Government and if so, the present status of such proposals; and
- (d) whether any proposal pertains to Krishna district and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): Education being in the Concurrent List, enhancing the quality of education is the responsibility of both the Central and State Governments. However, recognizing the need for central assistance, the Department of Higher Education, Government of India is implementing Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme aimed at funding specific State government universities and colleges, so as to improve its quality by ensuring their conformity to prescribed norms and standards.

The government has launched the third phase of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) in June 2023 in the form of Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar 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. Under the Scheme, support is provided to States/UTs for strengthening infrastructure, including

construction of hostels, academic and administrative buildings, laboratories and other facilities required for improving access and quality in higher education.

(b): Under the scheme, Krishna University, Machilipatnam, Andhra Pradesh has been approved under the Grants to Strengthen Universities (GSU) component of PM-USHA with a total approved amount of Rs. 20.00 crore. The approved proposal includes sub-components relating to infrastructure construction, infrastructure renovation, equipment procurement and soft components.

(c): All the proposals submitted by the State of Andhra Pradesh on the PM-USHA Portal under various components were examined and placed before the Project Approval Board (PAB) for its consideration and approval. Under the scheme, all the units have been approved and there are no pending proposals from the State. Under the scheme, in the State of Andhra Pradesh, a total of 33 units have been approved for an amount of Rs. 378.75 crore, including 7 Universities (1 under Multi-Disciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERU) component and 6 under Grants to Strengthen Universities (GSU) component), 21 colleges under Grants to Strengthen Colleges (GSC) component and 5 districts under Gender Inclusion and Equity Initiatives (GIEI) component.

(d): Under PM-USHA, a total of four proposals pertaining to Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh were received on the PM-USHA portal. Out of these, three proposals have been approved under various components, including Krishna University, Machilipatnam (GSU component) for a total amount of Rs. 20.00 crore, Government Degree College, Bantumilli (GSC component) for a total amount of Rs. 5.00 crore and the Krishna district for a total amount of Rs. 10.00 crore under GIEI component.
