

Sl. No.	State/UT	GER of Girls in Elementary Education
24.	Mizoram	122.17
25.	Nagaland	101.74
26.	Odisha	98.75
27.	Puducherry	93.01
28.	Punjab	104.44
29.	Rajasthan	92.62
30.	Sikkim	121.70
31.	Tamil Nadu	100.46
32.	Telangana	95.56
33.	Tripura	114.41
34.	Uttar Pradesh	93.18
35.	Uttarakhand	95.69
36.	West Bengal	105.77
ALL STATES		99.24

Source: U-DISE (2014-15)

Central Universities in Bihar and Jharkhand

†1248. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to establish Central Universities in all States of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether a decision has been taken to establish Central Universities in most backward States like Jharkhand and Bihar on priority basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal to set up new Central Universities in all States of the Country. However, the Andhra Pradesh Re-organization Act, 2014 envisages establishment of one Central Tribal University each in the State of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and one Central University in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh in the 12th and 13th Plans. Further, the Prime Minister announced a package for Bihar on 18.8.2015 which includes establishment of a Central University near Bhagalpur at the historic site of Vikramshila University.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

During the 12th plan (2012-17), the thrust is on consolidation of the higher education system. Expansion would be mainly done by scaling up capacity of the existing institutions in place of setting up new institutions. The Central Government has launched Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) on cost sharing basis to assist States to open new institutions.

Financial assistance for Community Development Through Polytechnic

1249. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has discontinued or stopped giving financial assistance to States to continue Community Development Through Polytechnic (CDTP), a centrally sponsored project to give training in skills to polytechnic students;

(b) whether it is a fact that as a result of this CDTP was discontinued since 2015-16 in 31 Government polytechnics in Kerala; and

(c) whether grants for this course which is in high demand would be reintroduced from this academic year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. During 2015-16, an amount of ₹ 232.00 Lakh was released covering 29 Polytechnics in Kerala who have submitted valid Utilization Certificates in respect of grants sanctioned earlier. During the current year, an amount of ₹ 112.50 Lakh covering 16 Polytechnics has also been released so far.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Collection of school development fund in Kendriya Vidyalaya

†1250. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fifteen hundred rupees are being taken from students in Kendriya Vidyalayas on quarterly basis as fee in the name of school development fund;

(b) if so, whether it is a violation of the Right to Education Act which provides for free education;

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