

North-Eastern Region (NER), Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand and 100% to Union Territories.

The Project Approval Board (PAB) of RUSA has approved ₹ 688 crores to the State of Odisha under various components of RUSA. Out of this, ₹ 412.8 crores is the Central Share approved. As on date, ₹ 212.4255 crores has been released as Central Share.

The Central Share is provided in instalments to the States/UTs. The first instalment is released after compliance of conditions, if any, as approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB) of RUSA such as submission of a complete Detailed Project Report (DPR). The subsequent releases to States/UTs are subject to submission of Utilisation Certificate of more than 75% utilisation of the previous instalment. Further, the final instalment is released only after the concerned State/UT submits the Utilisation Certificate for the previous instalments released together with physical inspection report of institutions funded under RUSA.

The release of the total approved Central Share to the State of Odisha is dependent upon submission of complete DPRs and relevant Utilisation Certificates along with physical inspection report by the State.

Status of Institutes of National Importance for NISER

2155. SHRI DILIP KUMAR TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government has received any request from the State Government of Odisha to grant the status of Institute of National Importance through an Act of Parliament to the National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER), Bhubaneswar; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Institute of Science Education & Research (NISER), Bhubaneswar, is an Off-Campus Centre of the Homi Bhabha National Institute (HBNI), a deemed to be University, which is an Aided Institute under the Department of Atomic Energy. As the Department of Atomic Energy is considering conversion of HBNI, into an Institute of National Importance (INI), it is not felt necessary to have a separate Act to give the status of INI to NISER.