

Central University at Dausa, Rajasthan

†536. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Universities proposed to be set up by the Central Government in the country for promotion of education, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that a memorandum for setting up a Central University at Dausa in Eastern Rajasthan had been submitted to the Prime Minister's Office and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether, Government proposes to set up a Central/Tribal University there and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (c) At present, there is no proposal to set up a new Central University in the country including at Dausa, Rajasthan. As per the Twelfth Plan, as approved by the National Development Council, the thrust has been shifted to consolidation of the higher education system and expansion is to be done mainly by scaling up the capacity of the existing institutions in place of setting up new institutions. However, the Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act 2014 envisages for 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. 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. The Central Government has launched Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) on cost sharing basis to assist States to open new institutions.

Female literacy rate in Gujarat

†537. SHRI NARANBHAI J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present Female literacy rate in Gujarat and at which place it stands in the country;

(b) the reasons for low female literacy rate in that State; and

(c) the steps taken by the Central Government to increase the rate of female literacy there?

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