

Opening of new Central Universities

538. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any decision to open some more Central Universities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any plan to make these new universities at par with 'Centre of Excellence' and different than the existing universities, education standard-wise; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) to (d) At present, there is no proposal to set up a new Central University in the country. 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.

Monitoring of SSA

539. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done any monitoring of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to assess the success achieved in realizing the targets fixed under it;

(b) if so, the achievement of the targets and parameters contemplated thereunder indicating specifically how far SCs/STs/OBCs and minorities have been benefited by the Abhiyan, State-wise; and

(c) the expenditure incurred and the number of boys and girls who were benefited thereby State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The erstwhile Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme was under