

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1139
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.12.2021**

Establishment of Vikramshila University in Bhagalpur, Bihar

1139 # Shri Sushil Kumar Modi:

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ₹ 500 crore was announced for the establishment of Vikramshila University in Bhagalpur under the Prime Minister's package announced in the year 2015 for Bihar;
- (b) whether a three-member Committee headed by the Vice-Chancellor of South Bihar Central University was to select a suitable plot out of the three plots provided by Government;
- (c) whether the interim report of the above Committee has been submitted to the Central Government in March, 2021; and
- (d) if so, by when Government would take a decision on the Committee's report and convey the same to the State Government?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) to (d) The Central University functions as a pace setter institution in the region. Keeping in view the requirements of the State, the Government has already established four Central Universities in Bihar. The PM Package for Bihar, 2015 inter-alia provides for establishment of a new Central University near Bhagalpur at the historic site of Vikramshila University. The Government of Bihar has offered the sites for the proposed University. The local members of the Committee headed by the Vice-Chancellor of South Bihar Central University visited the sites and submitted a preliminary report. Action in such matters are taken as per established procedure of the Government.
