

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1002**  
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**JAGANNATH CULTURE UNIVERSITY IN PURI**

1002 **Shri Subhasish Khuntia:**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a plan to establish a Jagannath Culture University in Puri to promote the study and preservation of Jagannath culture and traditions;
- (b) the timeline proposed for the establishment of the University and the stages completed so far; and
- (c) the funds allocated by the Ministry or the State Government of Odisha for this purpose?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (c): Presently, there are 48 Central Universities under the administrative control of Ministry of Education. Apart from this, various Ministries have also established their domain specific Central University. The Central Universities are envisaged to function more as pace setter institutions to provide academic leadership to other institutions in the region; not necessarily in proportion to population or as per regional aspiration. One Central University has been established each in States which did not have any Central Universities. Now, there is at least one Central University in all the states except Goa. Following 12th Five year plan (2012-17), the thrust is on consolidation of the higher education system. Expansion was to be mainly done by scaling up capacity of the existing institutions in place of setting up new institutions. Moreover, 'Education' being a concurrent

subject, the State Governments are also taking various initiatives to provide greater access to higher education in their respective States.

Ministry of Education has established one Central University in Koraput, Odisha. Furthermore, Central Sanskrit University runs Shri Sadashiv Campus at Puri, Odisha. Presently, there is no proposal under consideration of this Ministry to establish a new Central University in Odisha.

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