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**RUSA FOR ACHIEVING EQUITY, ACCESS AND QUALITY IN HIGHER
EDUCATION**

The Government is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) for providing financial support to proposals contained in State Higher Education Plan (SHEP) approved by the State Higher Education Councils (SHECs) in order to achieve the objectives of equity, access and quality.

A total of 115 Universities and 1218 colleges have been approved by RUSA PAB for infrastructure grants. These approvals were accorded to the proposals included in the respective State Higher Education Plans (SHEPs).

The States have furnished proposals for construction of Model Degree Colleges and upgradation of Colleges to Model Degree Colleges in excess of the approved target for the 12th Plan. The RUSA Project Approval Board (PAB) has already accorded approvals under these components and exhausted the sanctioned targets. Further, 1218 Colleges out of a target of 3500 colleges and 115 Universities out of a target of 150 universities during 12th Plan have been approved for funding support from RUSA.

Only seven proposals from the states under the component of creation of universities through upgradation of autonomous colleges and eight proposals of states under the component of creation of universities through clustering of colleges have been approved by the PAB of RUSA as other proposals could not meet the prescribed norms.

The participating States have already given a commitment to lift the ban, if earlier imposed, by them on faculty recruitments in State Government and Government aided Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs).

This information was given by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani today in a written reply to a Lok Sabha question.
