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Title: Need to take necessary steps to establish world class Universities in the country.

DR. KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI (AHMEDABAD WEST): The Government of India has announced that they will be establishing Central Universities of world class standards namely, "World Class University". However, thereafter nothing much has been heard regarding the parameter of setting up of world class universities. The State Government of Gujarat has written a letter to the Government of India on 28.05.2009 and reply is awaited from Government of India.

The Government of India in its reply into Lok Sabha Unstarred Question NO.2208 on 02.12.2009 has intimated that the Eleventh Plan envisaged establishment of 14 universities including one in Gujarat, aiming at world class standards. A concept note on the innovation universities has been prepared and placed in the public domain for stake holder comments and responses have been received from various quarters as inputs for finalizing the concept.