

**ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
UNSTARRED ASSEMBLY QUESTION NO:481
DATE OF REPLY: 23/07/2026.**

Sub. : Autonomous University to Teok CKB College.

Name of MLA: Shri RUPJYOTI KURMI

Question

Will the Minister of Higher Education Department be pleased to state:

- (a) Is the Govt. aware that Teok CKB College situated in Jorhat Dist. under Mariani LAC, has received NAAC A+ Grade recently of that the College is surrounded by a huge population of Tea garden, SC & ST population?
- (b) If yes, will the Govt. consider the Proposal of an Autonomous University for Teok CKB College?
- (c) If yes, by when?

Answer

Hon'ble Minister, Higher Education Department, Dr. Ranoj Pegu will reply :

- (a) Yes. The Government is fully aware that Teok CKB College, situated in Jorhat District under the Mariani Legislative Assembly Constituency, has recently secured NAAC A+ Accreditation, reflecting its commendable academic standards, institutional governance, quality assurance mechanisms, and overall contribution to higher education. The Government also recognizes that the College caters to a substantial student population drawn from the tea garden areas and from socially and educationally significant sections of society, including the Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST), thereby playing a vital role in promoting equitable access to quality higher education in the region.
- (b) The Government acknowledges the significant academic achievements and regional importance of Teok CKB College. It may, however, be stated that Jorhat district presently has two State Universities, namely:
 - 1. Jagannath Barooah University, which was established through the upgradation of Jagannath Barooah College in the year 2023; and
 - 2. Assam Women's University, established in the year 2013.

The establishment or upgradation of an institution into a State University is a matter of policy involving comprehensive consideration of various parameters, including academic preparedness, infrastructure, financial viability, regional requirements, statutory norms, long-term sustainability, and the overall development plan for higher education in the State. Nevertheless, the Government remains committed to strengthening quality higher education across Assam.

- (c) In view of the reply to Question No. (b), no specific timeframe can be indicated at present. The matter may be considered upon receipt of an appropriate proposal, subject to the prevailing policy and approval of the Government.

****The reply has been uploaded at the Assam Legislative Assembly's website 'www.cms.neva.gov.in'**
