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Metric No.		Weightage
5.1.8 Q₁M	<p>Special Learner Support Centers:</p> <p>In the concern of reaching out to special learners like persons with disabilities, prison inmates, employees of defense or security forces, transgender, scheduled castes/scheduled tribes, minorities, women; learners from rural and remote areas etc, the University has been putting its best efforts to reach out to all needy and unprivileged learners across the whole Chhattisgarh state since the commencement of the University. Per capita income in Chhattisgarh was 97000 per annum for financial year 2019 and the income of rural people is too low. The total literacy rate was 70.28% and female literacy rate was 60.24% as per census 2011. Enrollment of students in higher education is very dissatisfying, and most importantly, Chhattisgarh is affected by and facing Naxalism since long. Therefore, on the socio-economic parameters of development or of fair living, earlier there were not appreciable conditions in the Chhattisgarh state. There was a considerable amount of backwardness in terms of education, health, employment, etc. but the state is growing gradually and the development in Chhattisgarh is noticeable. And in this journey of development, the Pt. Sundarlal Sharma (Open) University Chhattisgarh is contributing by disseminating higher education at the door of the learners by offering an alternate for higher education through open & distance mode in front of conventional mode.</p> <p>The majority of our learners belong to unprivileged and weaker sections of society; the reason behind the whole socio-economic profile of Chhattisgarh state. Therefore, our every learner support center is very special to us and the university is providing special privilege and advantage to the learners of rural and remote areas. For this purpose, the university is providing the grace and relaxation to run Learner Support Centers /Study Centers in rural and semi-urban</p>	05

areas. Executive Council as apex body of the University has approved the number of learners to run SCs/ LSCs for urban areas: 90-100, rural / scheduled tribes: 65-75 and semi urban area: 75-85. So, as per this provision, the university is running 138 Learner Support Centers through its 6 Regional Centers and 1 Sub-Regional center. At present, there are 75 leaner support centers in rural areas out of total 138 learner support centers. In Naxal affected regions under Jagdalpur & Kanker regional centers, there are 9 LSCs in rural areas and 9LSCs in urban areas. Our Learner Support Centers facilitate each special learner, like the person with a disability with required means. Almost every LSC is equipped with basic infrastructure for special learners like separate toilets for male and female, toilets for handicapped, railing and ramp.

Moreover, some of the study centers have been identified with the status of different special categories likely special women study centers, naxal affected study centers, study centers for differently abled learners and study centers for SC/ST/Deprived group.