

Proposal to Convert Indore University into Central University

1579. **SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert the Indore University into a Central University; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Exemption from ESI Act

1580. **SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:** Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state.

(a) the criteria for exempting various establishments from the purview of ESI Act;

(b) whether any guidelines have been issued by the ESI Corporation or by the Union Government to States for granting exemption; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) According to the guidelines issued to the State Governments in 1968, exemption under the

ESI Act may be granted if the prevailing benefits enjoyed by the employees of the factories/establishments concerned are superior on an over-all assessment to those available under the Employees' State Insurance Scheme. These guidelines are still being followed.

[Translation]

Forts of Bihar

1581. **SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:** Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rohtas Fort and Sher Shah Fort located in Sasaram in Bihar have been taken over by the archaeological Survey of India;

(b) whether Government are incurring some expenditure on repair and maintenance of these forts; and

(c) if so, the item-wise expenditure incurred every year during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Rohtasgarh Fort is already under Central protection. The other fort namely Shergarh Fort and not Shersha Fort is under the protection of the Government of Bihar.

(b) and (c) The item-wise expenditure incurred on the maintenance and watch and ward of Rohtasgarh Fort is as under:—

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Annual Maintenance and Upkeep	2,506.00	4,562.00	..
Watch and Ward	39,136.00	42,996.00	46,506.00
TOTAL	41,642.00	47,558.00	46,506.00