

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CENTRAL UNIVERSITY STATUS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of State Universities granted Central Universities status during the last three years;
- (b) the number of proposals received from State Governments pending with the Union Government for grant of Central University status;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to consider the proposals;
- (d) whether there has been any demand for awarding of Central University status to National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) as reported in "The Hindu" dated November 18, 2005;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith action taken in this regard; and
- (f) the details of funds likely to be allocated on awarding of Central University status to NIFT?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a): Two.

(b) & (c): Proposals for conversion of State Universities are received from State Governments and other quarters, from time to time. Proposals, specifically in regard to State Universities situated at Vishakapatnam, Bilaspur, Bhopal, Jabalpur, Rewa, Sagar, Patna, Sambalpur, Jaipur and Jodhpur have been received in the past. Presently the Government is concentrating on consolidation of facilities of the existing universities rather than on increasing the number of Central Universities. Apart from the exception made in the case of the North East Region, the only exception has been in respect of the Allahabad University which is in a different category, being restoration to its one time status of a Central University. In view of the priority to consolidation of existing universities from the available resources, granting of Central University status to more state universities would not be possible at present.

(d): No, Sir.

(e) & (f) : Do not arise.