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LOK SABHA**

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

(a) the number of proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territories regarding the conversion/upgradation of existing Universities into Central Universities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): Proposals are received from various quarters, including State Governments, from time to time, for conversion of certain State Universities to Central Universities. According to available information, during the period from 1.1.2007 to 30.6.2009, five such proposals were received from the concerned State Governments, in respect of Maharshi Dayanand University (Haryana); Dr. Harisingh Gour University (Madhya Pradesh); Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (Chhattisgarh); University of Jammu (Jammu & Kashmir) and Kumaun University (Uttarakhand).

The Central Government had taken a decision to establish, during 11th Plan, one central university, in each such State which did not have a Central University. Accordingly, three State Universities, namely Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh), Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar (Uttarakhand), and Dr. Harisingh Gour University, Sagar (Madhya Pradesh) have been recently converted into Central Universities under the Central Universities Act, 2009. All States, except Goa, now have at least one Central University.