

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

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CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposal to convert the Patna University in Bihar into Central University is pending with the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to set up more Central Universities in Bihar at Gaya/Motihari;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the State Government has offered sites for the setting up of these Universities;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Union Government thereto; and
- (g) the time by which these Universities are likely to be established?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No proposal in this regard has been received from the State Government. However, a notice for Private Member's Bill titled University of Patna Bill, 2011 was received and the Ministry has decided to oppose the Bill.

(c) to (f) Under the Central Universities Act, 2009, a Central University, named, Central University of Bihar has already been established and has started functioning from its temporary premises at BIT Campus, Patna. The State Government of Bihar offered three sites, all in Motihari, for permanent location of the Central University of Bihar. However, the Site Selection Committee constituted by the Central Government found all the three sites not suitable for locating the Central University. Since no alternate sites were offered by the State Government, this Ministry, in consultation with Ministry of Defence has identified 300 acres of Defence land at Panchanpur, Gaya for permanent location of Central University of Bihar. Site proposed at Panchanpur in Gaya district is proximate to the historical and cultural Centre of international importance and is located at a distance of 25 kms from Gaya International airport and as such is well-endowed with physical and social infrastructure.

(g) Central University of Bihar has already been established on 02.03.2009 and is functioning from its temporary location at BIT Campus, Patna.