

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:254  
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2012  
BHADRAPADA SAKA GRANTING STATUS OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITY  
Singh Dr. Raghuvansh Prasad

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

- (a) whether suggestions have been received from various quarters including State Governments to grant the status of Central University to the Allahabad and Patna Universities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the follow-up action taken thereon;
- (d) whether the State Governments concerned have provided land for the purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Union Government is likely to convert Patna University into a Central University?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Sh. KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 254 FOR 29TH AUGUST, 2012 ASKED BY DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH REGARDING GRANTING STATUS OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

(a) & (b): University of Allahabad has been converted into a Central University through the University of Allahabad Act, 2005. Recently, requests have been received from various quarters for conversion of Patna University, amongst other State Universities, into a Central University.

(c) & (e): 12th Five Year Plan has not been approved by Planning Commission. Therefore, it is not possible to act upon the proposal and indicate a time limit.

(d): No land is required to be provided by State Government for conversion of State University into Central University.