

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

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CONVERSION OF COLLEGES IN TO UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to convert Presidency College (Kolkata), Cotton College (Guwahati) and D.M. College (Imphal) into Universities or Deemed Universities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this direction; and
- (c) the time by which these colleges are likely to be converted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): There is no proposal to convert any of these Colleges into Central Universities, since the Central Government has already created at least one Central University in every state of the country (except Goa). These Colleges have not applied for deemed-to-be-university status and therefore the question of converting them into deemed-to-be- universities does not arise. However, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has reported that the Presidency College (Kolkata) has already been converted into a State University by an Act of the West Bengal legislature. The State legislatures are empowered by the Constitution of India to create new universities.

(c): Does not arise.