

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:49

ANSWERED ON:27.02.2013

SETTING UP OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES

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

(a) whether the Union Government is contemplating to open new Central Universities in the country including Bihar and Uttar Pradesh during the 12th Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government has received any proposal/request from the State Government of Bihar to convert the Patna University into a Central University;and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said proposal is likely to be approved?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 49 FOR 27.02.2013 ASKED BY DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH AND SHRI JAGDISH SINGH RANA, HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING SETTING UP OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES

(a) Yes, Sir. In the 12th Five Year Plan as approved by National Development Council (NDC), the focus is on scaling up of capacity in existing institutions rather than increasing the number of institutions, with the exception of new institutions needed to address critical regional and social gaps.

(b) As of now, Motihari in Bihar and Rae Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh.

(c) & (d) In the 12th Plan, no proposal has been received from the State Government for conversion of Patna University into a Central University. However, in July 2012, the Vice-Chancellor of Patna University submitted a proposal in this regard. In response, it has been informed to him in November 2012 that as a matter of current policy of the Government the proposal can not be agreed to for reasons of legacy issues, adjustment of existing staff and disaffiliation of affiliated colleges.