GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF NEW 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 including Madhya Pradesh for setting up of universities including Central universities in their States, State-wise along with the status thereof;

(b) whether the State Governments have proposed to provide adequate land for the said universities;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to involve some private organisations in the task and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which such proposed universities are likely to become functional?

Answer

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

(a) to (c):Universities are established either by Acts of Parliament or by Acts of State Legislatures. As per the policy of the Central Government, it has created at least one Central University in every State of the country, except Goa. The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has also decided to set up one Central University for Women in Uttar Pradesh and one additional Central University in Bihar. The State Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar have agreed to provide land for these Universities. No such requests or proposals are pending from any other State Government. The Ministry however, is also receiving requests from different quarters, including peoples' representatives, to convert existing state universities into Central Universities. Such requests are not being considered at present, since it is decided by the Ministry, in consultation with the Planning Commission, to focus on consolidation and quality improvement in the 12th five year Plan, rather than on creating new institutions.

(d):No, Madam. There is no such proposal.

(e):Does not arise in view of (d) above.