

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:552  
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STATUS OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITY  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the University of Allahabad and University of Sagar have been awarded the status of Central University and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government has decided to grant status of a Central University to Patna University also;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the University of Patna fulfils all the terms and conditions of a Central University; and
- (e) if so, the time by which the Patna University is likely to be awarded the status of a Central University?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam. The University of Allahabad has been granted the status of Central University (CU) by an Act, namely, 'The University of Allahabad Act, 2005', passed by the Parliament in 2005. The University of Sagar has been renamed as the 'Doctor Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya' in 1983 and has been granted the status of a CU by an Act, namely, 'The Central Universities Act, 2009' passed by the Parliament in 2009.

(b) No, Madam.

(c) In view of (b) above, question does not arise.

(d) and (e) The 11th Five Year Plan (2007-2012) approved by the National Development Council envisaged setting up of one CU each in the States which did not have any CU till then. Pursuant to the above decision, the State Governments were requested to identify sites for locating the CUs. While three States viz. Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand requested the conversion of their State University into a CU, the Government of Bihar identified land at Motihari to set up of a new CU. No proposal for the conversion of Patna University into a CU was received from the State Government during the process of enactment of the Central Universities Act, 2009. It has since been decided that the proposals for the conversion of the State Universities shall be not agreed to for reasons of legacy issues, difficulties in the adjustment of existing staff and disaffiliation of affiliated colleges. The Vice Chancellor, Patna University, with reference to his request made in July 2012, has been informed that the proposal of conversion cannot be agreed to for the reasons mentioned above.