

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

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RENAMING OF CENTRAL UNIVERSITIES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Central Universities functioning in the names of great personalities, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to rename Central University of Motihari as Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari and the Central University of Gaya as Gautam Budha Central University in the State of Bihar; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a): A list of Central Universities functioning in the names of great personalities, State-wise; under the purview of this Ministry is given at Annexure- I.
- (b) & (c): The requests for the naming of the proposed Central University of North Bihar at Motihari as the Mahatma Gandhi Central University and to re-name the existing Central University of Bihar, which is to be located at Gaya, as the Gautam Budha Central University have been received from several quarters. However, there was a conscious decision already taken by the Government to name the Central universities established by the Central Universities Act, 2009 after the names of the States/ places of their location so that the name of a particular Central University may reflect its territorial jurisdiction. Accordingly, all the new Central universities, except those which were converted from State universities to Central universities, were named after the States/ places of their location. In view of this, hitherto it has not been possible to consider the above requests favourably.