

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:368
ANSWERED ON:19.02.2014
CENTRAL UNIVERSITY STATUS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the norms laid down for grant of central university status to the State Universities;
- (b) the details of the proposals received by the Government from the States/ State Universities including Patna University for grant of central university status during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the present status of these proposals, proposal-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to reconsider its earlier decision on granting central university status to Patna University; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 368 DATED 19.2.2014 ASKED BY DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH REGARDING CENTRAL UNIVERSITY STATUS

(a): No criteria/norms have been prescribed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development for grant of Central University status to the State Universities.

(b) & (c): In the last three years, three proposals were received by this Ministry from State Governments/State Universities. Details are as under:

Sl.No	Name of University	Year	Present Status
1	Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati	2010	The proposal has not been agreed to.
2	Patna University, Patna	2012	The proposal has not been agreed to.
3	Andhra University, Visakhapatnam	2013	The proposal has not been agreed to.

(d): No, Madam.

(e): As per the policy of the Central Government, at least one Central University has been created in every State of the country with the exception of the State of Goa. Of these, three were by way of converting State Universities into Central Universities. However, the experience of the Ministry with regard to such conversions has not been a happy one. Three Universities, despite having come into the Central fold, find it difficult to cast off the legacy burdens, adjustment of existing staff and disaffiliation of affiliated colleges which in turn affects the quality of the teaching-learning process. Hence, the Central Government has decided, as a matter of policy, not to convert any more State Universities into Central Universities.