

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has received any complaint against the central universities located in the North-Eastern States for misappropriation of funds in execution of works particularly by Tezpur Central University;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): UGC/this Ministry have received the following complaints in respect of following Central Universities located in the North-Eastern States for misappropriation of funds in execution of works:

Sl. No. Name of the University

- 1) Tezpur University
- 2) Tripura University
- 3) Sikkim University
- 4) North - Eastern Hill University
- 5) Assam University

(b): As regards complaint against Tezpur University, a complaint dated 18.12.2014 from Hon'ble Member of Parliament was received wherein it is alleged that more than Rs.60 lakhs is spent annually by the Vice Chancellor on professional entertainers during the students' week in February and during Techxetra (exhibition) in September-October. It was also alleged that arbitrary and illegal allocation of grants and responsibility to daughter was given by the Vice Chancellor to hold academic programmes for students.

(c): The Central Universities are autonomous bodies established under their Act of Parliament. Wherever any complaint regarding mismanagement/irregularities is received, it is forwarded to the Central Universities for appropriate action at their end.

However, whenever the complaint is supported by concrete evidence and the reply of the University is not found satisfactory, then depending upon the facts of the case, either a fact finding inquiry committee is constituted or it relates to a proceeding, then the proceeding is annulled with the approval of the Visitor.

The complaint regarding Tezpur University has been taken up with the University.