

Title: Need to accord Central University status to Tripura University.

SHRI KHAGEN DAS (TRIPURA-WEST): The people of Tripura and the State Government have long been demanding for conversion of Tripura University into a Central University. The Tripura University was established in 1987. But due to paucity of funds it has not been possible to develop necessary infrastructure and diversify the courses to provide quality education, academic excellence and innovative research and development programmes. There are Central Universities in the North-East region at Kohima, Silchar, Tezpur, Aizawal and Shillong which are in a better position to provide infrastructure and academic facilities mainly because of Central funding. This peculiar situation has created huge imbalance in educational facilities within region. The Human Resource Development Minister has introduced a Bill 'The Manipur University Bill, 2005' in the Rajya Sabha proposing to convert the Manipur University into a Central University. Considering the backwardness and remoteness of Tripura, it is urgently necessary to convert the Tripura University and also to minimize the imbalance in educational facilities available in the North-East Region. I, therefore, strongly demand that the Union Government should take immediate step to convert the Tripura University into a Central University.