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Title : Need to enact a legislation providing for conversion of Tripura University into a Central 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 programme. There are Central Universities in the North-East Region at Kohima, Silchar, Tezpur, Aizwal and Shillong which are in better position to provide infrastructure and academic facilities mainly because of Central funding. This peculiar situation has created huge imbalance in educational facilities within the region. Recently, Manipur University has been converted into a Central University. Considering the backward and remoteness of Tripura, it is urgently necessary to convert the Tripura University into a Central University to minimize the imbalance in educational facilities available in the North-Eastern region. I, therefore, strongly demand that the Union Government should introduce a Bill in this session with a view to convert the Tripura University into a Central University.