

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3054  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.12.2016**

**Central University Status to State Universities**

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

- (a) the criteria fixed to grant the status of central university to State Universities;
- (b) the details of proposals received from various State Universities in the country including Barkatullah University Bhopal to grant the status of Central University during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the present status of each of the said proposals;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to accede to the said proposals; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)**

(a) to (e) There is no criteria prescribed for grant of Central University status to a State University. The Central Government has taken a policy decision not to convert State Universities into Central Universities for reasons of legacy issues, adjustment of existing staff and disaffiliation of affiliated colleges. During the 12<sup>th</sup> Plan (2012-17), as approved by National Development Council, the thrust is on consolidation of the higher education system. Expansion would be mainly done by scaling up capacity of the existing institutions in place of setting up new institutions. Accordingly, no proposal to accord the status of Central University to any State University is under consideration of the Government.

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