

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to review irregularity in selection of Institutions of Eminence.

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN (KOLLAM): Mr. Speaker, Sir, thank you very much.

My 'Zero Hour' submission is in respect of Institutions of Eminence. The Government of India has initiated action for selection of Institutions of Eminence. The main parameters are world class infrastructure, financial capability, world class academic and research excellence, capability to expand by significant intake of international students and faculty within 15 years. But unfortunately the selection criteria were not followed by the Selection Committee. Ineligible institutions were approved and accepted.

So, I urge upon the Government to constitute a fresh Committee for examining the applications received so far and revise the list of Institutions of Eminence by removing the ineligible institutions and including the eligible institutions as per the criteria which have already been laid down. Thank you very much.