

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 579  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023**

**CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE**

**579. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:**

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has designated Centre for Excellence for developing India specific knowledge in urban planning and design in existing institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has designated any institutions in Andhra Pradesh in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) to (d): In the Union Budget 2022-23 speech, it has been announced that “For developing India specific knowledge in urban planning and design, and to deliver certified training in these areas, up to five existing academic institutions in different regions will be designated as centres of excellence”. In this regard, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) is handling the exercise to identify five academic institutions in different regions imparting knowledge in urban planning and design for their designation as Centres of Excellence (CoEs).

In order to steer the process of identifying and designating institutions as CoEs, a committee comprising of officials from Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Department of Higher Education (Ministry of Education), NITI Aayog and leading domain experts was constituted by Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.

Request for Proposal has been issued, inviting proposals from academic institutes of urban planning for identification and subsequent designation of CoEs from amongst these institutions. Proposals have been received which are under scrutiny in Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.

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