

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that some existing Engineering Colleges have been given the status of IITs;
- (b) if so, the names of such colleges during 2001-2002, State-wise; and
- (c) the criteria adopted to implement the policy in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): University of Roorkee, a State University has been given status of an IIT.

(c): University of Roorkee occupies a unique place in the technical education system in the country. Excellent track record of the University of Roorkee and its inherent technical strength and capabilities compare favourably with that of the existing IITs. In fact, there are many areas of technical competence where IIT system is likely to benefit immensely from the University integrating into IIT system. Taking all this into consideration, the Central Government decided to take over the University of Roorkee, convert it into an Indian Institute of Technology and integrate it with the IIT system in the country.