GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to evaluate the relevance of public funding on the Indian Institutes of Technology;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a majority of graduates from the IITs leave for foreign employment within two years after their graduation; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for sustaining these institutes at high expenses to the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (d): A number of graduates from Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) migrate to other countries for jobs and higher studies. However a much larger number of students remains in India contributing and serving the nation in their specific fields. Moreover, a number of students migrating to other countries, do return to India or contribute in their own way to the nation while staying abroad. Contribution of IIT alumni both whogo abroad or stay back is immense towards the progress and development of the nation. They contribute significantly in developing intellectual capital for the country and expenditure on IITs is an investment on human capital formation. This justifies continued public funding to IITs.