

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

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UPGRADATION OF INDIAN INSTITUTES OF SCIENCE  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade Indian Institute of Science, Education and Research (IISER) into a world class institution on par with Oxford and Cambridge;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to increase the budget for this purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d) : The Government of India has set up three new Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs), one each at Pune, Kolkata and Mohali. These Institutes are envisaged to create research universities of the highest caliber in which teaching and education in basic sciences will be totally integrated with state of the art research. The IISERs are Centres of Excellence in basic and natural sciences and will have two main academic cum research programmes viz.

(i) Integrated Master's Degree Programme and

(ii) Doctoral Programme. The total cost of each IISER is Rs.500.00 crores which includes Rs.241.00 crores for construction of buildings and other infrastructural facilities and Rs.259.00 crores as recurring expenditure, spread over a period of 7 years. Being new Institutes, there is no proposal to upgrade these Institutes. During the current financial year, a budgetary allocation of Rs. 125.00 crore has been made for Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs).