

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HUMANITY COURSES IN IIT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has a proposal to introduce humanity courses in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs);
- (b) if so, the main objective behind opening such courses; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): All seven Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) are already having courses in humanities and social sciences. Engineering and Science are, by their very nature, humanistic and socially derived enterprises. Hence, a complete science and technology education must include humanities and social sciences education where the students unites application of scientific principles along with human, moral and social understanding.