GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

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PPP IN HIGHER TECHNICAL EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to blend of Public Private Partnership (PPP) and Private Financing Initiative (PFI) to address the demand challenges of the higher technical education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the modalities being worked out in this regard; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): To address the increasing skill challenges of the Indian IT industry and growth of the domestic IT market, this Ministry intends to establish 20 Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) during the XIth Plan. Although, the proposal is for setting up all twenty IIITs in Public Private partnership (PPP) mode, since industry participation may not be forthcoming in some States like in the North East, it is proposed that IIITs in the North East may be set up by the Central Government with contributions from Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER).

Besides this, 300 polytechnics are to be set up through PPP by the State Government/Union Territories with roughly 1/4th of the cost of capital assets being provided by the Government of India with a ceiling of Rs.3 crore. These 300 Polytechnics will be selected in consultation with State Government/Union Territories, various industrial organizations such as CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM and PHD Chamber of Commerce, etc.