

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

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ESTABLISHMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish the Social Development Zones in the country;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether the recently proposed Central Universities, Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) would be associated within the ambit of Social Development Zones; and
- (d) if so, the names of the States in which these are proposed to be established?

Answer

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

- (a) Even though the feasibility of setting up Social Development Zones was being explored by the Ministry of Planning, there is no proposal at present in this regard.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) & (d) No Sir, these institutions are being located at sites identified in consultation with States which are required to provide land free of cost.