

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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CONVERSION OF RECS STATUS AS NIT  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of Regional Engineering Colleges (REC) converted into National Institutes of Technology (NITs) alongwith their location;
- (b) the details of REC likely to be converted into NITs in near future;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the working of NITs during the recent past;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof, NIT-wise;
- (e) the future plans of NIT's during the next five years; and
- (f) the funds earmarked by the Government for this purpose?

**Answer**

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

(a): Government of India decided to takes over 17 Institutions formerly known as Regional Engineering Colleges (RECs) located at Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Calicut (Kerala), Durgapur (West Bengal) Hamirpur (Himachal Pradesh), Jaipur (Rajasthan), Jalandhar (Punjab), Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), Kurukshetra (Haryana), Nagpur (Maharashtra), Rourkela (Orissa), Silchar (Assam), Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir), Surat (Gujarat), Surathkal(Karnataka), Tiruchirappalli (Tamilnadu) & Warangal (Andhra Pradesh) into National Institutes of Technology with the status of Deemed to be University and structural changes in governance, as per the notification dated 14-05-2003.

(b): The 11th Five Year Plan provides for setting up of 10 new National Institutes of Technology (NITs) so as to have one each in all the major States/UTs. As such, the conversion of REC into NITs in near future does not arise.

(c) to (d): NITs form a very important segment among the premier Technical Institutions in the country to promote Quality Technical Education and Research. Considering their role in providing high quality technical manpower for regional and national requirements, these Institutions have been given the status of 'Institutions of National Importance'. At present, these 20 NITs have an intake capacity of 13321 undergraduate and 6690 postgraduate students per year. The NITs also contribute to Ph.D. and research studies with nearly 923 students involved in research during 2009 – 2010.

(e) to (f): To continue to impart Quality Technical Education to the students through 30 National Institutes of Technology (NITs) in Engineering & related subjects. To provide infrastructure facilities to the students by construction of Messes, Hostels, upgradation of laboratories and Workshops, Modernization of Library and Computer Centres etc. During the current financial year, the Budget allocation at B.E. (2010 – 2011) stage has been kept as Rs.809.98 crore for existing 20 NITs and Rs.60.00 crore for 10 new NITs.