

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

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MEDICAL EDUCATION IN IITS

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) proposes to foray with medical education so as to strengthen/upgrade research and development in multidiscipline subjects viz bio-engineering, etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any consultations have been held with all the stakeholders including Medical Council of India (MCI) in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which this course is likely to be introduced in IITs?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. The Council of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), in its 41st meeting held on 10th September, 2010, inter-alia decided that the scope of the provisions of the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961, may be widened to include 'medicine' also, as a large area of medical study now involve engineering techniques. Accordingly, in order to enable the IITs to conduct research and impart education in the field of medicine, it has been decided to suitably amend the Act ibid to provide for instructions leading to a degree to any branch of medicine, without prejudice, to the requirements specified under the Medical Council of India Act, 1956 and inter-disciplinary research for advancement of learning and dissemination of knowledge in such areas of learning, as the IITs may deem fit, not leading to a degree or qualification for practice of medicine. Proposal has been forwarded to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.