

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

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various State Governments including the State Government of Bihar for upgradation of certain institutes to the level of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the decision taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Based on the recommendations of Prof. Joshi Committee, constituted for considering the proposals inter-alia for up-gradation of academic Institutes/Universities, followed by an in-depth evaluation by an Expert Committee headed by Prof. M. Anandakrishnan, the Government decided to convert the Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University (IT-BHU), to an IIT and upgrade the Bengal Engineering and Science University (BESU) to an Indian Institute of Engineer-ing, Science and Technology (IIEST). A list of institutes considered by Prof. Joshi Committee for up-gradation is at Annexure. No separate proposal has been received from the Government of Bihar.