

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

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MEDICAL COURSES IN IITS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have any proposal to start medical courses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the present status of the said proposal?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur have proposed to introduce a new Medical Education programme leading to the degrees in MBBS, MD, MS and Ph.D. 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.