

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

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

- (a) whether the Singapore Government has suggested formation of a Joint Working Group (JWG) at the Government-to-Government level for setting up of an International Institute of Technology at Singapore;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has recommended the names of the members of JWG from Indian side;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Singapore Government has also suggested their representatives for the JWG;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether the Government had taken up the matter with the Singapore Government; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): The Singapore Government had suggested formation of a Joint Working Group (JWG) at the Government-to-Government level for setting up of an International Institute of Technology at Singapore.
- (c) & (d): Since the proposed Institute is to be set up in a Public Private Partnership (PPP) model, this Ministry has proposed a Joint Working Group at institutional level with a senior officer from the Ministry as a member representing the Government of India. Director, IIT, Kanpur chairs the group which also has three international experts.
- (e) to (f): Yes, Sir. The Singapore side has proposed that the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Government of Singapore will chair the Joint Working Group from Singapore side with two senior officials and three experts.
- (g) & (h): Yes, Sir. This Ministry has taken up the matter with the Singapore side through our High Commission of India at Jakarta.