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LOK SABHA

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HIKE IN FEE OF IIT STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Institutes of Technology Council has proposed to hike the fee of the IIT students by four times;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented;

(d) whether the Government has any plan to help the economically weaker sections and socially backward classes in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Council of the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), in its 43rd meeting held on 14th September, 2011, accepted 'in principle' the report of Dr. Anil Kakodkar Com-mittee on the road map for enhancing the autonomy of the IIT system and make them world class institutions for research and higher learning. The Committee has recom- mended, inter-alia, that while the students scholarships, capital and infrastructure expenditure may continue to be met fully by the Government, the IITs may meet, on their own, the operational expenditure. Thus, while the capital costs may be taken care of by the Government, the student of under graduate programme may pay enhanced fee towards the recurring cost of education on getting employed, which is justifiable on the grounds of earning potential of an IIT graduate. An empowered Task Force has been constituted for implementation of the Committee's recom-mendations.

(d) & (e): The Kakodkar Committee envisages institution of a 'National IIT Scholarship Scheme' to fund student fees for reserved and socially disadvantaged groups in the UG programme and also to enable the IITs to scale the Masters and Ph.D. programmes without constraints. The detailed modalities in this regard are yet to be worked out.