

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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QUALITY OF TEACHING AND RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formed a panel of experts to explore the possibility of improving the quality of teaching and research at the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to study the Chinese model and has deputed a study team to explore the possibility in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the quality of teaching and research in IITs?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Pursuant to the decision taken by the Council of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), a Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT-Bombay, was constituted to suggest a roadmap for the autonomy and future of the IITs as world-class institutions for research and higher learning. One of the objectives of the Committee was to understand the best practices in Engineering, Science, Education and Research in some of the world class Universities. Keeping in view the fact that the system prevalent in China has not only successfully scaled up the number of Under Graduate, Post-Graduate and Doctoral programmes, but also significantly improved the quality of higher education in that country, which may be relevant for India too, the Committee visited China in the first week of November, 2010 and met key decision makers and stake holders in Shanghai and Beijing clusters. The Council of IITs has since accepted the report of the Committee and constituted an empowered Task Force for implementation of its recommendations.