

**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 Government is planning to start medical courses in the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs);
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the present status thereof;
- (c) whether courses of health information technology, bio-medical engineering and e-health are supposed to be included; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof

Answer

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

(a) to (d): In order to enable the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) to conduct research and impart education in the field of medicine, it has been decided 'in principle' to suitably amend the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961 to provide for instructions leading to a degree in 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 in medicine. No definite time-frame for implementation of the decision can be indicated. However, IIT-Kharagpur is presently engaged in education and research in Medical Science and Technology, Medical Bio-technology, Drug Design and Development, Medical Imaging, Drug Delivery and Remote Diagnostics.