

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

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CONVERSION OF ISM INTO IIT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is galvanizing the technical education by increasing the number IITs in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad has bloomed into a full fledged engineering institute offering courses in almost all disciplines;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has any proposal for conversion of ISM into an IIT as has already been strongly recommended by the evaluation and review committee of Prof. S. Sampat in 1994;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the time by which the ISM is likely to be converted into IIT?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The eight new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) that were to be set up in the XIth Five Year Plan have already started functioning in Mandi, Ropar, Patna, Jodhpur, Indore, Gandhinagar, Hyderabad and Bhubaneshwar.
- (c) to (f) : The conversion of ISM to IITs will have to await the formal approval of the XII Plan which would outline the vision in so far as the next five year plan period is concerned.