

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) are looking to industry for Research and Development (R&D), through funding; and
(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The IITs have been conducting a number of research projects sponsored by the industry and are in constant touch with them conducting workshops and courses with an objective to secure funding for Research and Development (R&D) Projects. The industries are being encouraged to set up their labs near the IIT campuses, facilitating necessary collaboration between the faculty, research scholars and the industries. The expertise and abilities of industry enables the faculty to understand the commercial aspects of the products and services in the areas they work on, besides the technical challenges faced by the industry. It helps them to analyse what it takes to make research commercially usable and enriching, and expand their R&D. Some of the major research and consultancy projects are being undertaken by the IITs at Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Roorkee and Guwahati.