

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has invited applications from Universities and premier Research Institutes in the country to establish Centres for studies relating to World Trade Organization (WTO) and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR);
- (b) if so, the number of applications received from such universities/institutions which have expressed their desire to start the said centres alongwith the status of these applications; and
- (c) the amount of funds allocated, released and the expenditure incurred for the purpose till date?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Under the Scheme of Intellectual Property Education, Research and Public Outreach (IPERPO) grants are being provided to Universities and other Institution of Higher Studies for the establishment of Intellectual Property Rights Chairs for conducting research and studies related to Intellectual Property Rights and World Trade Organization. Since the inception of the Scheme of Intellectual Property Education, Research and Public Outreach(IPERPO) in 2001, 18 Universities / Institutions have been identified and provided financial assistance for the establishment of IPR Chairs.

A total grants of Rs.388.84 Lakhs has been released to the IPR Chairs from financial year 2001-2002 to 2008-2009 and the total expenditure incurred from financial year 2001-2002 to 2008-2009 is Rs. 173.85 Lakhs. A list showing the Universities/ Institutions selected for the establishment of IPR Chairs is given at Annexure-I. During 2008-09, ten Universities / Institutions have been identified under the Scheme and invited for consideration under the Scheme and requested to submit proposals for consideration for the establishment of IPR Chairs. The details of the proposals received from the institutions proposed to be selected for establishment of IPR Chairs are given at Annexure-II.