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

- (a) whether the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) lag behind in terms of academic standards comparing with their counterparts in developed countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the proposed ways and means to improve the quality and standard of education in our prestigious institutes like IITs and IIMs?

Answer

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(a)&(b): In the absence of authentic and centralized data regarding academic standards of Technical and management Educational Institute of Devenloped countries, it not possible to say that Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institute of Management (IIMs) lag behind, in terms of academic stndards, their counterparts in developed countries.

(c): Improvement of quality and standard of education is a continuous process. The council IITs have accepted in principal the Kakodkar Committee's report on taking IITs to excellence and greater relevance the autonomy of the IIT system and to make them world class institutions for research and higher learning and constituted an empowered task force of implementing its recommendations. Similarly, the IIMs, keeping pace with globalization, are paying adequate attention to the quality of faculty and research in the functional areas of management. With a view to promoting research, the IIMs have started generous research funding scheme, besides deputing the faculty members to foreign business schools and universities of repute for training.