

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to upgrade Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi and Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad into Indian Institute of Technology (IIT);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which these institutes are likely to be upgraded?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Human Resource Development made an announcement in March, 2008 to up-grade the Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University (IT-BHU), Varanasi to an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT). The Ministry is in the process of taking necessary approvals, i.e., of the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) and the Cabinet. There is, however, no plan at present to up-grade the Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad to an IIT.