

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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INNOVATION CENTRE IN EACH DIET  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the National Innovation Council has proposed for creation of an Innovation Centre in each District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) in the Country; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a): The National Innovation Council had in May, 2011 proposed the setting up of an Innovation Centre in each District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) to enhance teacher training and thus enable them to become facilitators of creativity and innovative thinking.

(b) The Working Group on Teacher Education constituted by the Planning Commission in the context of the XII Plan had in its Report of October, 2011 inter alia recommended that the DIETs have a major role in developing innovative methodologies of teaching-learning practices, and to act as hubs for providing academic support to school teachers, and has suggested several strategies for the purpose. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Teacher Education for the XII Plan which is being implemented by the States/UTs, envisages the DIET as an Educational Resource Centre for teaching learning at the district level to undertake various activities, including the development of material based on local historical monuments, flora and fauna, festivals and cultural events, crafts, etc. through experimentation and innovative efforts.