

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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PHALGUNA SAKA GLOBAL RANKING OF IITS AND IIMS  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of global ranking of Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institute of Management (IIMs) in comparison to foreign institutions;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to improve the global ranking of both the institutions;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make IIMs accountable and bring them under any umbrella council by empowering them to award academic degrees instead of diplomas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b):While certain institutions or agencies publish list of universities or educational institutions ranked according to their own criteria, there is no single international agency for the global ranking of universities. These different international ranking systems use different values, indices and parameters to rank higher educational institutions. These criteria are neither universally accepted nor recognised and are therefore open to criticism about the subjective processes of their evaluation. Some of these parameters are not wholly relevant for Indian higher educational institutions and therefore, these rankings cannot constitute the principal basis for the benchmarking of Indian

institutions. The improvement of the quality of higher education is a continuous process. The Government is continuously striving to improve the quality of higher education in the country by legislative initiatives as well as through various schemes and programmes.

(c) to (e):A draft Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bill is under detailed discussion in the Ministry of Human Resource Development, which inter-alia, provides for a co-ordinating body; however, the name, the object and the functions of such an institution are not firmed up. One of the objectives of this Bill is to enable the IIMs to award a degree instead of a post-graduate diploma to their students.