

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

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CONVERSION OF ISM INTO IIT  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad has bloomed into a full fledged engineering institute offering courses in almost all disciplines;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any proposal for conversion of ISM into an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) as has already been strongly recommended by the evaluation and review committee of Prof. S. Sampat in 1994;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the ISM is likely to be converted into IIT?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. Shashi Tharoor)

(a) : Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c) : The Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad with the approval of its Finance Committee, Executive Board and General Council had forwarded a proposal to the Ministry for the conversion of the Indian School of Mines (ISM) Dhanbad into the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Dhanbad.

The Evaluation and Review Committee (ERC) set up by the Government of India in 1994, headed by Prof. S. Sampat (Ex-Director IIT, Kanpur and IIT, Madras) had recommended that the ISM be declared an Institution of Eminence and National Importance.

(d) : The proposal for the conversion of the ISM into an IIT was discussed in the meeting of the Council of IITs held on 7th January, 2013 and it was decided that the proposal is to be examined by a Committee.