

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LAUNCH OF GREEN DRIVE BY IITS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Institutes of Technology are set to launch an aggressive green drive;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the idea mooted by the Anil Kakodkar Committee in its Report has been implemented; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The Kakodkar Committee, highlighting the critical role to be played by the educational and research institutions in India, emphasised the need for the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) to be on the forefront of the development of technology for sustainable growth. On the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the IIT Council (SCIC), the Council, in its 46th meeting held on 07.01.2013, decided that each IIT would establish a Green Office to carry out Green Audit of its curricula and its institutional management practices viz energy, water, waste, construction projects, natural resources (forest, water, etc.) and bio-diversity conservation. Sustainable technology and environment sensitization would be included in the IIT curricula and the Institutes would strive towards greater community outreach. Every student would be required to complete at least one project of technology application relevant to the local neighbourhood development relevant to his / her area of expertise / concern and would network to evolve a Green Agenda in making the IITs models of Green Habitats.

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, has held its first workshop with the IITs to develop the operational modalities for establishing a Green House in each office and develop base line indicators that would be made available on the web.