

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:194

ANSWERED ON:02.12.2009

SETTING UP OF NITS

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) have been set up in all the States / Union Territories;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to set up more NITs in the country including in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether NITs have succeeded in establishing their space in the prevailing technical and educational environment; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.194 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2009 REGARDING SETTING UP OF NITs ASKED BY SHRI BISHNU PADA RAY AND SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO, MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

(a) to (b): At present, there are 20 National Institutes of Technology (NITs) located at Agartala (Tripura), Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Calicut (Kerala), Durgapur (West Bengal), Hamirpur (Himachal Pradesh), Jaipur (Rajasthan), Jalandhar (Punjab), Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), Kurukshetra (Haryana), Nagpur (Maharashtra), Patna (Bihar), Raipur (Chhattisgarh), Rourkela (Orissa), Silchar (Assam), Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir), Surat (Gujarat), Surathkal (Karnataka), Tiruchirapalli (Tamil Nadu) and Warangal (Andhra Pradesh).

(c) to (d): Government of India has taken a decision to open 10 new National Institutes of Technology (NITs), as per provision made in the 11th Five Year Plan document. Union Cabinet has since approved the proposal for setting up of these 10 new NITs in the States / UTs viz.

- (i) Arunachal Pradesh,
- (ii) Manipur,
- (iii) Meghalaya,
- (iv) Mizoram,
- (v) Nagaland,
- (vi) Goa (which will also cater to UTs of Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Lakshadweep),
- (vii) Puducherry (which will cater to Andaman & Nicobar Islands also),
- (viii) Sikkim,
- (ix) Delhi (which will also cater to Chandigarh), and
- (x) Uttarakhand.

(e) to (f) : It was envisaged by the Government of India that setting up of NITs will provide a boost to the spread of Technical Education in our Country. The 20 NITs, have been brought under an umbrella legislation viz. National Institutes of Technology Act, 2007 (29 of 2007), which declares these Institutions as 'Institutions of National Importance'. After the setting up of the 10 new NITs, the students from all over the Country will get adequate scope of pursuing technical education. It will also provide immense scope to the hitherto deprived students of the weaker sections of the society. Therefore, it is quite clear that the NITs have brought out a radical change and opened up greater vistas for the talented students throughout the Country.