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UPGRADATION OF AN INSTITUTE AS IIT
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) The criteria/norms for upgrading an Institute as Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in the country;
- (b) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State of Kerala in this regard;and
- (c) if so,the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a): There are no set criteria/norms for up-gradng an Institute as Indian Institute of Technology(IIT).However,an Expert Committee headed by Prof. S.K. Joshi,Ex-Director General,Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR),while identifying promising academic institutions having t h e potential for upgradation i n t o IITs considered parameters including faculty,research publications/patents, research guidance,courses offered,students' population and physical infrastructure, etc.

(b) & (c): The Government of Kerala has requested the Central Government for setting up of an IIT in Kerala. Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), Cochin was one of the Institutes identified by Prof. S.K. Joshi Committee. However, the Joshi Committee felt that in the light of substantial gap between the selected Institutes and the IITs, it would not be correct to position these Institutes straightway alongside the IITs.Prof. Anandakrishnan Committee which was subsequently set up to examine the vision documents of the identified Institutions and suggest the plan of action for their upgradation, recommended that five of the Institutes including CUSAT identified by the Joshi Committee be converted into a system of Indian Institutes of Engineering Science & Technology (IEST) rather than IITs.