

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING  
LOK SABHA**

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NEW IIMC CENTRES

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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up new Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) centres/branches in various States of the country including Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to upgrade the existing IIMC as a world class university to offer M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees in mass communication; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI C. M. JATUA)

- (a), (b) & (c): There is a proposal to set up Regional Centers of Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) in the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Mizoram, Maharashtra and Kerala. The proposal is at a preliminary stage.
- (d) Yes Sir.
- (e) The Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) is having a scheme of 'Converting IIMC into International Media University' for implementation in the 11th Plan period. The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) Memorandum of the Scheme is under finalisation.