

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

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UPGRADATION OF UNIVERSITIES AS IEST  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken a decision to upgrade certain Universities as Indian Institutes of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up the issue of upgradation of these Universities with the respective State Governments; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. The Anandkrishnan Committee, which was constituted in 2005 to assess the potential of some selected Institutions for their transformation to high-level technological 'Institutes of National Importance (INI)', has recommended 05 (five) Institutes to be converted to 'Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST)' through an Act of Parliament. The five Institutes that were recommended are (1) Bengal Engineering College – Shibpur (West Bengal) [presently Bengal Engineering and Science University (BESU) – Shibpur]; (2) Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University (BHU) – Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh); (3) Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) – Kochi (Kerala); (4) Andhra University College of Engineering – Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh); and (5) University College of Engineering (UCE), Osmania University – Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh).

(c) & (d): Yes Madam. In consultation with the respective State Governments, the Government of India has decided first to upgrade BESU – Shibpur and CUSAT – Kochi, respectively, into IEST. The Institute of Technology, BHU (Uttar Pradesh) has already been taken over and converted into as Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) – Varanasi w.e.f. 29.06.2012.