

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF IIMC KOTTAYAM KERALA
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to upgrade the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) Kottayam, Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government of Kerala has provided all amenities including land for the purpose of IIMC building at Kottayam; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI MANISH TEWARI)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir, IIMC's Regional Centre at Kottayam has been operationalised from temporary premises provided by State Government of Kerala, free of cost. As the premises are temporary with limited capacity, the Centre at present offers only Post Graduate Diploma Course in English Journalism.

As per Plan Scheme of the Ministry of I&B under 12th Five Year Plan, there is a proposal to upgrade the Centre by establishing a permanent campus at Kottayam on the land to be provided by the State Government, free of cost.

Regarding allotment of land, free of cost, for setting up permanent campus for Regional Centre of IIMC at Kottayam, Govt. of Kerala has issued a Government Order No.539/2013/ Revenue dated 12/12/2013 allotting 10 acres of land out of 77 acres of land presently occupied by Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Technology (RIT) under the Technical Education Department in Kottayam District.

(c) & (d) The Govt. of Kerala has provided temporary premises for the Regional centre of IIMC at Mahatma Gandhi University as well as hostel facility at Mannanam free of cost. However, as the above Government Order vests the ownership rights of the land to the Revenue Department, Government of Kerala, the Indian Institute of Mass Communication has taken up the matter again with the State Government of Kerala.