

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

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QUALITY OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has held any conferences to improve the quality of technical education and faculty development in the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) to bring them at par with the top technical institutions of the world; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of each conference during the last three years?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes Madam. A Conference of the Directors of the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) was called for by the Hon'ble President of India in his capacity as the Visitor of the NITs on 7th – 8th November, 2013 to discuss the following:-

(i) Steps required to improve the quality of technical education and faculty development in the NITs to bring them at par with the top technical institutions of the world;

(ii) Steps needed to create inter-linkages of NITs with the industry;

(iii) Steps required to use the National Knowledge Network (NKN) effectively in the NITs; and

(iv) Suggestions to improve the Visitor-NIT interface within the existing statutory framework of each NIT.

2. The Groups of Directors created to deliberate on each of the agenda points have made recommendations and the action taken notes on these have been drawn up and are being placed before the Standing Committee of the Council of NITs and Council of NITs for implementation.

3. This was the only Conference held during the last three years.