

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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INNOVATION CENTRE IN DIET  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the National Innovation Council has proposed for creation of an Innovation Centre in each District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) in the country; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes Madam, the National Innovation Council has proposed the creation of an Innovation Centre in each District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) by tapping local creative talent for the DIETs. Under the Scheme of Teacher Education (June 2012), the DIETs have been given the mandate to function as a hub of educational value through a vibrant resource centre and a centre for teacher learning at the district level by using the local language, building competencies and integrating use of educational technologies for facilitating the processes of maintaining and disseminating knowledge and skills. The DIETs are also involved in innovative works as embedded in the National Curriculum Framework to encourage creativity in children and the way they are taught. The use of ICT in Classroom teaching is also being encouraged to ensure that learning in DIETs becomes a more interactive and participatory process.

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Teacher Education provides funds to meet the demands of DIETs for these initiatives.