

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Institutes of Technology, Indian Institutes of Management and Universities have decided to create inter-disciplinary research centres to impact quality multi-disciplinary education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these centres are planning to accommodate foreign students; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a): Yes Madam.
- (b): Details for IITs and IIMs are available at Annexure – I
UGC also has initiated following two schemes to promote inter-disciplinary research activities in the Universities during IX Plan period which are still continuing:-
1. Universities with Potential for Excellence (UPE) 2. Centres with Potential for Excellence in Particular Areas (CPEPA)
Under the scheme UPE so far 15 Universities have been identified. List of UPE Universities may be seen at Annexure-II. Under the CPEPA 21 Centres are being functional as on date. List of Centres may be seen at Annexure-III
- (c) & (d): There is no restriction on admission of foreign students and these Academic Centres can accommodate interested candidates from foreign countries.