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REVIEW OF IITS AND IIMS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is going to constitute a committee to review all the centrally funded premier technical institutes in the country like Indian Institute of Technology and Indian Institute of Management;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the criteria on which the members and chairman of the proposed committee would be selected;

(c) the details of the system of peer review test of the institutes in terms of evolution towards meeting world standards in the field of research; and

(d) whether the peer review is conducted according to international benchmark and it is expected to bring about transparency and accountability to the institutes and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) : No, Madam.

(b) :Does not arise.

(c)&(d) : Based on the recommendation of the Standing Committee of IIT Council (SCIC), the Council of IITs at its 46th meeting, held on 07th January, 2013, decided that external Peer Review of IITs would be carried out on a periodic basis, once in every five years by a Review Committee of five eminent persons from Industry and Academia. Besides this, each IIT would conduct an in-house department-wise review. The review would specifi- cally include parameters related to (a) International Comparability (b) Outreach to community (c) Commit- ment to National Goals (d) Sustainability (e) linkages with industry and economic development.

The Council of IITs at its 47th meeting held on 16th September, 2013, further decided that the Internal Review at the departmental level should involve per- sons from outside for greater objectivity and that a key focus area should be undergraduate level innovation and laboratory facilities. The Council also decided that the external peer review metho- dology should be firmed up by institutes.