

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

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INDO US JOINT DECLARATION  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India and USA have signed a Joint Declaration of Intent for Collaborating in providing support to the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee has been picked up by the US Agency for International Development (USAID) for support; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): A Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) was signed between the Ministry of Human Resource Development and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) on 23rd January 2015 in New Delhi for providing support to Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). The said JDI intends technical support of USAID to facilitate advisory and other resources for the identified one or more IITs, initially IIT Gandhinagar. The JDI also intends to establish a Joint Working group that will serve as a platform for dialogue and the exchange of information on the modalities of technical assistance.
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d): Does not arise.