

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

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DEGREE TO SPA AND IIITD M STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of students of School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Bhopal, Vijayawada and Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing (IIITD&M), Kancheepuram have not been awarded degrees;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by the Government in the matter; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to declare these institutions as off campuses and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. The Government is aware that students of School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Bhopal, SPA, Vijayawada and Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing (IIITD&M), Kancheepuram have not been awarded degrees.

(b) &(c): The School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) Bhopal and SPA Vijayawada was set up in the year 2008-2009. Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing (IIITD&M), Kancheepuram was set up in the year 2007. 692 Students who graduated from these institutes till 2014 have to be conferred degrees. To confer degree to graduates, the Institute has to be so authorized under an Act of the Parliament or should be declared a Deemed to be University by UGC under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The Ministry has initiated the process of declaring these Institutes as "Institutes of National Importance" through an act of the Parliament. Efforts are also afoot to declare SPA Bhopal & SPA Vijayawada as Off-Campus centres of SPA Delhi and Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing (IIITD&M), Kancheepuram as off campus centre of IIIT, Gwalior so that the degree could be awarded to the students who have graduated from these institutes.