GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:190 ANSWERED ON:09.07.2014 SETTING UP OF IITS Antony Shri Anto ;Kodikunnil Shri Suresh;Rajesh Shri M. B.;Venugopal Shri K. C.

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

(a) the norms/criteria laid down for establishment of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in the country and the details of States which do not have an IIT at present;

(b) whether the Government is planning to set up new IITs in each State including Kerala and if so, the details thereof, State- and location-wise;

(c) whether any States have offered land free of cost for setting up of an IIT and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received any proposals from the States including Kerala for setting up of IITs in their States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) whether the Government has framed any roadmap in this regard and if so, the time by which the IITs are likely to be established along with the funds allocated therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Based on the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister

(SAC-PM) and also taking into account the regional imbalance, the Government established eight new IITs during the XIth Five Year Plan in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh. Proper connectivity, physical infrastructure and basic facilities have been kept in view while deciding the locations for setting up these eight new IITs. IIT in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Haryana, J&K, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and the newly created State of Seemandara is not available.

(b) Since the State of Kerala does not have an IIT the proposal to set up an IIT in the State could be considered.

(c) All the respective Governments of the State, where, IITs presently exist have offered at least 500 acres of land, free of cost.

(d) The Central Government has been receiving requests from various State Governments for establishment of IITs. A proposal has been received from the Government of Kerala, indicating that 237 acres of land in Palakkad District has been acquired and action is under way for acquiring another 273 acres of land for setting up of an IIT.

(e) The proposal for setting up new IITs is under active consideration. However, so far, funds have not been allocated for the same.