

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

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UPGRADATION OF CUSAT  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of upgradation of five institutes including Cochin University of Science & Technology (CUSAT) to the level of Indian Institute of Engineering, Science and Technology (IIST) and also the salient features of IIST;
- (b) whether the Government has set any timeframe for upgrading CUSAT into IIST; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government so far in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) : The present status of upgradation of five Institutes including Cochin University of Science & Technology (CUSAT) to the level of Indian Institute of Engineering, Science and Technology (IIST) and the salient features of IIST are given in the Annexure. The Bengal Engineering and Science University (BESU) – Shibpur (West Bengal) is the first amongst them to have been converted into an IIST by way of its incorporation and declaration as an 'Institution of national importance' under the National Institutes of Technology, Science Education and Research Act, 2007.

(b) & (c) : The Government has decided in principal to upgrade CUSAT into IIST during the XII Plan. The Ministry consulted the State Government and has obtained the consent of the State Government of Kerala for upgradation of CUSAT to IIST. The inter-ministerial consultations including that with Planning Commission have been completed for preparation of the Expenditure Finance Committee note.