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LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up three premier national institutes in Tirupati to make the temple town as 'Knowledge hub'; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITIZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): It has been decided to establish the following Centrally funded technical institutes in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh:

1. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT): Government of Andhra Pradesh has identified land measuring 589.55 acres at Merlapaka Village, Yerpedu (Mandal), Chittoor District (Near Tirupati). On the recommendation of the Site Selection Committee, the site identified by the State Government for permanent campus has been approved. IIT Madras has been named as the Mentor institute for IIT Tirupati.

2. Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER): On the recommendation of the Site Selection Committee, approx 429.13 acres of land at Sreenivasapuram, Pangur and Chindepalli villages of Yerpedu Mandal of District Chittoor, have been identified for setting up of an IISER. IISER Pune has been assigned as mentor institute for IISER Tirupati.

3. Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT): Approval for establishment of IIIT Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh was conveyed on 24/06/2013. State Govt. has identified 108.10 acre of land in Mallavaripalem village of Satyavedu Mandal in Chittoor. Approval of this site has been given by the MHRD on 16/07/2013. The Institute has been established with the industry partners, namely, (i) Sri City foundation, Chennai; (ii) Sri City (P) Ltd., Chennai; (iii) Chintalapati Holding, Hyderabad; and (iv) Sannareddy Holding P Ltd., Chennai. The MoU for the IIIT Chittoor was signed on 8.8.2013 and the MoA was signed on 30.08.2013. The IIIT Society was registered on 2.9.2013. The academic session 2013-14 was started with 60 students each in B.Tech. in Computer Science Engineering (CSE) and B.Tech. in Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) at the temporary campus at IIIT Hyderabad.