

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MASS COMMUNICATION
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal is pending with the Government to grant the status of institute of national importance to Indian Institute of Mass Communication and also convert it into a university;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon; and
- (c) the time by which decision on the proposal is likely to be taken?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) & (b) The Government proposes to grant the status of 'An Institution of National Importance' to the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) through an Act of Parliament. For the purpose, a revised draft Bill has been prepared by the Legislative Department and the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has circulated the revised draft Note for the Cabinet on 5th August 2014 for inter-ministerial consultations. However, at present, no proposal is under consideration of the Government to convert the IIMC into a University.

(c) After obtaining comments/approval of the concerned Ministries / Departments, the draft Cabinet Note will be forwarded to the Legislative Department for finalisation of the Bill to declare IIMC as 'An Institution of National Importance'. Thereafter, approval of the Cabinet will be sought for introduction of the same in Parliament.