

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FUNDS FOR SETTING UP OF NITS AND IITS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the fund allocation for setting up National Institutes of Technology (NITs) and Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) under the Twelfth Plan has been very low due to cost overrun and delay;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government to expedite the establishment of proposed IITs and NITs;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to check escalated cost for establishment of such IITs and NITs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : The National Institutes of Technology (NITs) and the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have been allocated Rs.5600.00 crore and Rs. 12500.00 crore, respectively, under the Twelfth Plan, as support to the NITs and IITs, including the new ones. The requirements in the Twelfth Plan as per the revised cost estimation of 2012 – 2013, for setting up of 10 new NITs and 08 new IITs are now Rs.8981.69 crores and Rs.15665.00 crores, respectively. Out of the Eleventh Plan allocations of Rs.2600.00 crores and Rs.6080 crores, Rs.132.00 crores and Rs.1196.00 crores were sanctioned to the new NITs and IITs, respectively. The Twelfth Plan allocations were, accordingly, made as per requirements based on 2007 – 2008 cost estimates and on actual expenditure by the new Institutes in the Eleventh Plan, and hence were on lower side.

An analysis of cost and time over run indicates that delay in allocation of land by the respective State Governments and the increase in costs of constructions as a result of time over-run was the main reason for delays and consequential escalated costs. The Ministry has taken up the matter at the highest level with the respective State Governments to ensure that the land is allotted expeditiously, as a result of which the lands in respect of all new IITs and 07 new NITs have been transferred. For allocation of lands in remaining NITs of Delhi, Sikkim and Goa, efforts have been made repeatedly at the highest level in the Ministry. The infrastructural development of permanent campuses on allotted land is monitored regularly through reports and visits including video conferences at the level of Secretary, to ensure that projects are completed in time.