

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:562
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STUDENTS OF SPA AND IIITD M
Singh Shri Hukum

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

Unstarred Question No. 849 replied on 16 July 2014 and state:

- (a) whether her Ministry has completed the process of declaring the schools of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal and Vijayawada and IIITD&M, Kancheepuram as 'Institutes of National Importance' and off-campus centres of SPA Delhi and IIT, Gwalior respectively;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the further steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the students who have passed out from these institutes have been rendered jobless in the absence of degrees; and
- (e) if so, the time by which all the procedural formalities are likely to be completed and degrees conferred so that the future of passed out students is not ruined?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [PROF.(DR.) RAM SHANKAR KATHERIA]

(a) to (e): The Government has decided to enact laws to declare Schools of Planning and Architecture (SPAs) at Delhi, Bhopal and Vijayawada and Indian Institutes of Information Technology(IIITs) at Gwalior, Allahabad, Kancheepuram and Jabalpur as 'Institutions of National Importance' so that SPAs at Bhopal and Vijayawada and Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing (IIITD&M), Kancheepuram are able to award degrees to their graduates. The IIT Bill, 2014 has been introduced in the Lok Sabha during the last Session of the Parliament. Further, the Union Cabinet approved the proposal of the Ministry to introduce the SPA Bill in the Parliament. The SPA & IIT Bills confer right to the institutes to award degrees to their graduates who joined them since their inception. In the light of these developments, the proposals for SPA Bhopal & Vijayawada and IITD&M, Kancheepuram as off campus centre of SPA Delhi & IIT Gwalior respectively may not be required.