

**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 the Government has proposed to upgrade the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) into an international media university;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such proposal is likely to be approved;
- (c) whether the Government has also proposed to open new campuses for IIMC;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the time by which such new campuses are likely to be opened?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.))

- (a) & (b) No Sir, no such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present. However, the Government proposes to upgrade the Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) to 'An Institution of National Importance' through an Act of Parliament.
- (c) to (e) In addition to IIMC's existing two (2) Centres at New Delhi and Dhenkanal (Odisha), four (4) new Regional Centres of IIMC have already been established at Amravati (Maharashtra), Aizawl (Mizoram), Jammu (J&K) and Kottayam (Kerala). The Centres at Amravati and Aizawl became operational from the academic session 2011-12 whereas the Centres at Jammu and Kottayam have become operational from the academic session 2012-13. Presently, these Centres are functioning at temporary premises provided by the respective State Governments, free of cost. Under the 12th Five Year Plan Scheme, construction of the permanent campuses of these four Centres has been envisaged on the land to be provided by the respective State Governments, free of cost.