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SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, Chandigarh, the joint Capital of Punjab and Haryana, and the headquarters of the Union Territory, with its prestigious institutions like the Punjab University, the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, the Punjab Engineering College, the College of Architecture and the College of Arts, the Indian Institute of Microbial Technology and the Central Scientific Instruments Organisation, is a city which has become a centre of excellence in many fields, particularly, education and research. Rajiv Gandhi Technology Park has further brought the city on the World IT Map, where bright students and young professionals long to study and work. However, this picture of excellence is incomplete in the absence of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) like the seven others in the country. Chandigarh was visualised by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru as the city which would be symbol of modern resurgent India. Conditions there are congenial and conducive to make it proudly vie with the best education cities of the world.

I, therefore, urge the Government to upgrade the existing Punjab Engineering College, which already is a deemed University, as the Indian Institute of Technology at par with the other IITs.