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Title: Need to confer the status of Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology to the Vir Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla, Odisha.

SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN (SAMBALPUR): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, Vir Surendra Sai University of Technology was founded in 1956 as the first Government Engineering College of Odisha State. The institution got status of Unitary University status in 2009. It is offering 11 UG, 18 M. Tech, 3 M.Sc courses, 2 integrated M.Sc., 3 M. Phil. 1 MCA and 12 Ph.D programmes as on the academic session 2014-15.

In 2004, Government of Odisha had recommended to the Ministry of Human Resource Development for conferring IIT status to this institution. Among nine other institutions, this institution got selected for IIT status. However, Government of India opted for eight institutions and Vir Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla, Odisha was left out.

In 2007 Anandkrishan Committee gave its recommendation to set up a system of Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIEST) and five institutions were selected in 2014 after passing a Bill in the Parliament 2014.

However, Vir Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla, Odisha was left out from the list even though as per standard it should be on the top of the list. Odisha Government again recommended for its elevation as IIEST in 2015. Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India may consider the case to declare Vir Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla, Odisha, an IIEST institution without any delay.

14.54 hrs (Hon. Speaker *in the Chair*)

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