

an>

Title: Need to include Technical Institutes of Higher learning, located in Andhra Pradesh, in the Ph. D Scheme for IT and Electronics.

SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS (VIJAYAWADA): The Government of Andhra Pradesh is committed to promote the IT industry and plans to create IT hubs at Vijayawada, Kakinada, Timpati and Ananthapuram. The government's IT policy envisages heavy investment for the IT sector.

To achieve this, the state needs highly qualified scientists in the field of IT and Electronics. Rapid growth of IT and Electronics industries is possible only by innovation and research, creation of Intellectual Property and conversion of the Intellectual Property into wealth through entrepreneurship. The Ph.D scheme approved by Government of India with an outlay of 401 crore, aims to churn out 3000 Ph.D annually, 1500 each in IT and Electronics. However, educational institutions of higher learning in engineering and technology located in the new State of Andhra Pradesh do not figure in the category of institutions eligible to participate in the Ph. D scheme.

I request the Ministry of Human Resource Development to allocate for the Technical Universities located in Andhra Pradesh a share of funds under the central Ph.D scheme in line with the states aspiring to become a major IT and Electronics hub in the world.