

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2048
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018**

World Class University

**2048. DR. KULAMANI SAMAL:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:
SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:
SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:
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SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:
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SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has constituted Empowered Expert Committee for selection of educational institutions for World Class University tag and if so, the details thereof along with the terms of reference of the same;
- (b) whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for delay;
- (c) the name of the educational institutions that are recommended by the Committee to be designated as institute of excellence and the facility that are extended by the Government to said educational institutions in this regard;
- (d) whether the Committee in its report recommended selection of six institutions including 'Jio' Institute and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the other recommendations made by the Committee along with the response of the Government thereto; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to enable Indian students to get world class education and research facilities in the country?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)**

(a): University Grants Commission (UGC) has constituted an Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) consisting of Shri G. Gopaldaswami, former Chief Election Commissioner; Shri Pritam Singh, former Director MDI & IIM Lucknow; Shri Tarun Khanna, Professor, Harvard Business School & Ms. Renu Khator, Chancellor of the University of Houston System for identifying the Institutions of Eminence (IoEs). The powers and functions of EEC are as under:

- i. Scrutinizing and appraising the proposals submitted for IoEs
- ii. Making recommendations to the Commission for the purposes of selection of IoEs.
- iii. Monitoring and reviewing of implementation plans of IoEs.
- iv. Conducting review of IoEs in order to ensure quality.
- v. Evolving such other monitoring and review systems with the objective of guiding and supervising the growth of IoEs.
- vi. Deciding on changes in transfer of sponsorship from any or all of the original sponsors of IoEs.
- vii. Making recommendations to the Commission with respect to the liquidation of the Corpus Fund of an IoE.
- viii. Assessing deviations from the goals of IoEs and making recommendations to the Commission regarding Penalties for the same.

(b) to (d): The EEC, after thorough examination of applications and presentations made by the institutions, made its recommendations to UGC. The UGC, in its meeting held on 9th July, 2018, considered and approved the report of EEC and recommended that the following 3 institutions from the public category for issuance of Orders as Institutions of Eminence:

- (i) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore
- (ii) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi
- (iii) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay

In addition, the following three Private Institutions have been recommended for issuance of Letter of Intent:

- (i) Birla Institute of Technology & Sciences (BITS), Pilani

- (ii) Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal
- (iii) Jio Institute under the Greenfield category. It will be set up of an Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be University within three years of issuance of 'Letter of Intent'.

Under this scheme, the selected IoEs will be provided greater autonomy such as to admit foreign students up to 30% of admitted students; to recruit foreign faculty upto 25% of faculty strength; to offer online courses upto 20% of its programmes; to enter into academic collaboration with top 500 in the world ranking Institutions without permission of UGC; free to fix and charge fees from foreign students without restriction; flexibility of course structure in terms of number of credit hours and years to take a degree; complete flexibility in fixing of curriculum and syllabus, etc. Each public Institution selected as IoE shall be provided financial assistance upto Rupees 1000 Crore over a period of five years.

(e): Apart from identifying Institutions as IoEs, EEC has suggested that the Central Government may consider establishing a separate program to invest in them with a different set of defined goals and expectations especially for sectoral Institutions and standalone Institutions/Universities. At present, no decision has been taken by this Ministry in this regard.

(f): Apart from the scheme of establishment of 'Institutions of Eminence', the Government has taken several steps to address the issue of improving the quality of higher education in the country so as to enable Indian students to get quality education and research facilities within the country. These include launching of both Centrally sponsored schemes like Rashtriya Uchchatar Siksha Abhiyaan (RUSA) and targeted projects such as increasing the number of Institutes of National Importance, launching of Global Initiative of Academic Networks (GIAN) (to engage talented pool of international scientists and entrepreneurs with Higher Educational Institutes in India to augment the country's existing academic quality), National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) (to enable Institutions to assess themselves and get motivated to improve), an Impacting Research Innovation And Technology (IMPRINT) scheme (for Research to solve major engineering and technology challenges in selected domains needed by the country), SWAYAM & SWAYAM PRABHA (to take the best teaching learning resources to all, including the most disadvantaged students), Uchhatar Avishkar Yojana (UAY) (to promote innovation and to bring coordinated action in those areas which have direct relevance to the manufacturing and design industry), etc.
