

Foreign campus of IITs at IIMs

1892. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to allow Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) to set up their Campuses in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of countries which are chosen with proposals received and examined already, if any, for opening campuses in the near future and in later period;

(c) the basis on which these countries are chosen;

(d) whether opening of campuses of IITs and IIMs are presumed to yield any benefit to these institutions, in particular, and to our country in general; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) In view of the faculty shortages in the existing older Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) which also have to undertake 54% expansion in their intake capacity for implementing the reservation in admissions as per the Central Education Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006 and are also engaged in the mentoring of the eight new IITs setting up of their campuses abroad may not be immediately feasible as that would further strain the IITs' limited manpower and other resources. However, as and when the faculty situation eases due to the efforts being made by the IITs and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) to recruit new faculty, the Government would be open to the idea. The various Memoranda of Association of the IIMs, which do not at present empower them to open campuses abroad, will also need to be amended.

Establishment of IIT in Orissa

1893. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering setting up of an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) whether the presence of wild elephants in and around the proposed project site has been factored in the approvals obtained; and

(d) the details of Centres of Excellence have been set up under the Ministry since 2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) An India Institute of Technology (IIT) has already been set up in the State of Orissa. IIT-Bhubaneswar started functioning from the