

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

academic session 2008-09 from the campus of IIT-Kharagpur. The classes for the academic session of 2009-10 would start from the IIT-Kharagpur Extension Centre at Bhubaneswar.

(c) No elephants have been sighted near the campus. There is an Elephant Reserve in Bhubaneswar in Chandaka which is more than 7 kms. away from the land proposed for IIT Bhubaneswar.

(d) While, the University of Roorkee was converted to Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Roorkee in 2001, Central Government took over the control of 20 National Institutes of Technology (NITs)/Regional Engineering Colleges (RECs) at Allahabad, Bhopal, Calicut, Durgapur, Hamirpur, Jaipur, Jalandhar, Jamshedpur, Kurukshetra, Nagpur, Patna, Rourkela, Silchar, Srinager, Surat, Surathkal, Tiruchirappali, Warangal, Raipur and Agartala from 2003 onwards. Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Shillong was set up in 2007. The Cabinet on 17-7-2009 approved the establishment of eight new IITs in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh (Indore), Gujarat, Orissa and Punjab. The IITs and the NITs are Institutes of National Importance while the (IIMs) are Centres of Excellence.

Establishment of Central University in Bihar

†1894. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has approved the opening of a Central University in Bihar and the State Government has been asked to provide land therefor;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government of Bihar has selected a site for setting up of the Central University and submitted the proposal to the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the time by which the construction work on the site would commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Central University of Bihar has already been established by the Central Universities Act, 2009. The Government of Bihar is to provide, free of cost, about 500 acres of land for this University. The location of the University will, therefore, depend on the various sites as may be offered by the State Government, and would be notified by the Central Government in the Official Gazette.

(c) and (d) The Government of Bihar had offered three sites in East Champaran district. The Central Government is, however, of the view that good connectivity with social, physical and academic infrastructure of a high order would be of great significance for locating the Central University in the State. It would also be imperative that adequate housing facilities, good schools, health-care, job opportunities for spouses and other essential facilities, are available in the area, to attract and retain high quality of faculty in the University. The State Government has,

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