

(c) The Indian Institutions of Technology (IITs) are autonomous institutions and recruitment of faculty is done by them as per their respective Statutes and not by the Government. Recruitment of faculty is a continuous process and all out efforts are made by the Institutes to fill up the vacant posts. A rigorous recruitment procedure is followed by the IITs to recruit competent faculty with strong academic background. IITs have been employing suitable strategies to attract and retain their quality faculty members which include providing of good residential accommodation, good medical facilities, initial research grant and suitable schemes for sharing of consultancy charges. IITs have also increased their intake of Ph.D. Programme with a view to make available increased number of eligible persons to take up faculty positions.

FDI in higher education

*191. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accepted the proposal to open FDI in higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to open more higher educational institutions in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) By virtue of Press Note 2 (200 Series) dated the 11th February, 2000 of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government has allowed Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) upto 100% on the automatic route in the Education Sector subject to sectoral rules/regulations as may be applicable. All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) already has regulations in place for the entry and operation by the Foreign Educational Institutions in the education field falling within the purview of AICTE.

(c) Expansion of capacity in higher education has to be a joint ongoing effort of the State Governments and the Central Government. The budgetary provision for higher education including technical education has been substantially increased since 2004-05 by the Central Government resulting in the creation of new Central Universities and other higher education institutions.