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IIT in five States

1971. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any announcement was made by Government at any time for setting up Indian Institute of Technology in five States;

(b) whether proposals were sent by some States for setting up the above institute;

(c) if so, the latest position of the proposals;

(d) whether any proposal was also sent by the Gujarat State;

(e) if so, the action taken on the proposal; and

(f) by when a decision for setting up IITs in five States is likely to be arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (f) The then Prime Minister in his Independence Day speech on 15th August, 2003 made an announcement regarding setting up of five new IITs by upgrading promising academic institutions. Pursuant to this, the Government constituted an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. S.K. Joshi for identifying such institutions.

The Committee after considering a total of 200 AICTE approved Government Institutions and Universities all across the country recommended 7 Institutions/Universities which though can not be positioned straightway alongside the IITs as such a step may even be seen to be the detriment to the Stature of the existing IITs, could be described as Institutions possessing the best potential among the Engineering and Technology Colleges in the country for Upgradation to the level of IITs. Action for upgrading these identified seven institutions has already been initiated.

The Government received a few proposals from States including Gujarat for setting up of IITs in respective States. All such proposals were considered by the S.K. Joshi Committee.