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Fee Structure for IIM

660. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have thrashed out the question of fee structure for the Indian Institutes of Management, and the autonomy to be enjoyed by these Institutes and their managements; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof, indicating the policy laid down as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Institutes of Management continue to enjoy functional autonomy.

(b) The broad policy for the fee structure of Indian Institutes of Management is as follows:

- (i) All the IIMs will provide a need-based scholarship to both the first and second year students;
- (ii) All the students admitted, whose annual gross family income is Rs. 2.00 lakh and below, will be eligible for scholarships up to a full tuition fee waiver.

The IIMs are empowered to take all decisions regarding fee structure.

National Knowledge Commission

661. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a National Knowledge Commission;

(b) if so, the constitution and functions of this Commission; and

(c) the steps taken to set up the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) The details of the Knowledge Commission are yet to be finalized.