- (ix) Bhoj University
- (x) Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)

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## Setting up of international technical institution in Singapore

1798. DR. BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is in the process of setting up an international technical institution in Singapore;
- (b) whether some committee/core group has been set up to prepare the project report to interact with Indo-Singapore Project Agency;
  - (c) the probable names of the members of the committee/group;
  - (d) the reaction of Singapore Government to this ambitious proposal;
  - (e) the details of the courses to be provided by the proposed institution in Singapore; and
  - (f) the criteria for admission in the proposed institution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The Singapore Government had suggested formation of a Joint Working Group (JWG) at the Government-to-Government level for setting up of an International Institute of Technology at Singapore. However, this Ministry is of the view that a working group at institutional level would be more appropriate especially since the proposed institute is to be set up by the IITs and not by the Government of India. This Ministry has recommended the names of the members for JWG from India side. The Government of Singapore has not yet suggested their representative for the JWG.

(e) and (f) Does not arise at present.

## Jan Shikshan Sansthan

†1799. SHRI NARESH CHANDRA AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

<sup>†</sup> Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.