

Global campuses of IIMs

*134. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given their nod of the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) to go ahead to set up global campuses;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken into consideration domestic demand for an increase in student intake/introduction of new courses to cope with the variant needs of the students by asking IIMs to amend their MoU;

(c) what is the present stage of progress in this regard; and

(d) how much additional funds the Central Government have agreed to sanction to the IIMs to meet their required infrastructure needs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Only one Indian Institute of Management (IIM) viz. IIM, Bangalore, is currently examining the viability of setting up a campus abroad. Memorandum of Association (MoA) of IIM, Bangalore, does not empower it to establish campuses abroad. The Institute will have to suitably amend its MoA, as per prescribed procedure, before taking further action to establish an overseas campus.

IIMs have been urged to increase their intake and introduce new courses to the extent possible. A new IIM will also be set up at Shillong.

In the current year's budget there is a provision of Rs. 35 crores for giving Plan assistance to IIMs.

Central Universities in NE region

*135. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three Central Universities are proposed to be set up in the NE Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) what action Government propose to take to set up a Central university in the backward State of Orissa, the demand for which is pending since long?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Proposals for conversion of Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, and Tripura University, Agartala, into central universities, and establishment of a new Central University in Sikkim are under consideration.

(c) No formal proposal for setting up a central university in Orissa is under consideration at present.

Outsourcing of IGNOU publications

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SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the strength of the faculty at IGNOU;
- (b) whether it is a fact that most of the publications of the IGNOU are outsourced despite the presene of sizeable faculty;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken for the development of faculty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) 325.

(b) and (c) Ultimate responsibility for producing all course material and conducting all academic activities is that of the University Faculty. Services of outside Experts are utilised, to the extent necessary, for consultation as well as for writing course material in collaboration with in-house faculty.

(d) The University has a comprehensive faculty development programme, wherein all new teachers are oriented in principles of curriculum design and material development, and periodic refresher courses are also held.