

(c) The Institute is being initially located at the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) at 35, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi-110001.

(d) An estimated expenditure of Rs.223.68 crores is likely to be incurred by India for over a period of 7 (seven) years for the MGIEP Institute. UNESCO's financial contribution will be limited to fund the post of the Director of the Institute.

(e) MGIEP will be the first UNESCO Category I Institute in Asia Pacific region and it will put India into the category of select countries with such Institutes. Further it will serve as a platform for India to emerge as a global leader from the Asia-Pacific region in the areas of education for Peace and Sustainable Development. These are important areas in global context whereby India could contribute strategically by way of formulation of programmes, training and research related activities using the opportunities offered by South-South and triangular North-South-South cooperation.

The Institute is proposed to start functioning from November, 2012.

Common IIT-JEE entrance exam

3039. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has proposed to introduce a common IIT-JEE entrance exam in two stages throughout the country from the next academic year 2013-14;

(b) if so, whether consultation process involving various stakeholders has been taken into consideration and consensus was arrived;

(c) whether dissent, if any, was raised by any State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) and (b) Based on the discussion held amongst various stakeholders, it has been decided to have a Joint Entrance Examination from the year 2013 for Admission to undergraduate engineering programmes in two parts, JEE-MAIN and JEE-ADVANCED.

(c) and (d) The proposal for a common examination process to admission to engineering programmes was supported unanimously in the State Ministers' Conference held on 5th June, 2012.