

(c) the details of criteria for setting up of IITs and the names of States approved for setting up of such institutes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received from the State Governments of Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra for setting up an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in their State.

(c) Based on the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (SAC-PM) and also taking into account the regional imbalance, the Government established eight new IITs during the XI Five Year Plan in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh. Proper connectivity, physical infrastructure and basic facilities have been kept in view while deciding the locations for setting up these eight new IITs.

#### **Proposal for setting up of IIT in Karnataka**

1637. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government of Karnataka has submitted any proposal for setting up of IIT in that State;
- (b) if so, the response of Government in this regard;
- (c) by when it is likely to be set up; and
- (d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Based on the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (SAC-PM) and also taking into account the regional imbalance, the Central Government has established eight new IITs during the Eleventh Five Year Plan in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh. At present there is no proposal to establish any additional Indian Institute of Technology in the country and any proposal in this regard has to await the approval of Twelfth Five Year Plan by the National Development Council.