

held on 07.01.2013, decided to revise the existing fees in respect of the Under-Graduate (UG) students of IITs from Rs. 50,000 per annum to Rs. 90,000 per annum from the academic year of 2013-14.

(b) to (d) The cost of education tend to increase incrementally over a period of time. The substantial part of the cost is borne out of budgetary support from the Government but a small portion of it is met through fees from students. As per the analysis made in the report of the Dr. Kakodkar Committee on "Taking IITs to Excellence and Greater Relevance", the fee covered only 7.49% of the revenue expenditure during the year 2010.

The present increase in the annual fees of the UG students of IITs has come after the last increase in 2008-09 from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 50,000.

#### **Mental health of IIT students**

†76. DR. YOGENDRA P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government would contemplate to prepare a system to maintain good mental health of students studying in IITs and all Government aided technical institutions;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, by when and the details of the system to be prepared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR): (a) to (c) Concerned with the growing incidence of suicides among the students of higher education, including the IITs, the Council of IITs, in its 43rd meeting, held on 14.09.2011, constituted a Task Force headed by Prof. M. Ananda-krishnan, Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT-Kanpur, including representatives *inter-alia* from the parents, teachers, alumni, professional counsellors, etc., to suggest remedial measures after studying the causes of such occurrences. The report of the Task Force already been circulated to all the Centrally Funded Technical Institutes (CFTIs), including the IITs, for implementation.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.