

Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing (IIITD and M), Kancheepuram are able to award degrees to their graduates.

(c) and (d) The Schools of Planning and Architecture (SPA) Bhopal and Vijayawada were set up in the year 2008-2009. Indian Institute of Information Technology, Design and Manufacturing (IIITD and M), Kancheepuram was set up in the year 2007. 692 Students who have completed their programmes from these institutes till 2014 have to be awarded degrees. To confer degrees to graduates, the Institute has to be so authorized under an Act of the Parliament or should be declared a Deemed to be University by Central Government on the recommendations of University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. The Ministry has initiated the process of declaring these Institutes as “Institutions of National Importance” through an act of the Parliament. Efforts are also afoot to declare SPA Bhopal & SPA Vijayawada as Off-Campus centres of SPA Delhi and Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing (IIITD&M), Kancheepuram as off campus centre of Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Gwalior so that the degree could be awarded to the students who have graduated from these institutes.

National learning standards at elementary level

2659. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to develop national learning standards at the elementary level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), the academic authority under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 has developed learning indicators for each class in respect of various subjects such as English, Hindi, Urdu, Maths, Environmental Science (EVS), Science, Social Science and Arts education at elementary level, which have been shared with all State/UT Governments for implementation.

Benefit of SSA to Muslims

2660. SHRI GULAM RASOOL BALLYAWI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) being carried out by Government in the country;