

Duration of B.Ed. course

1499. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that B.Ed. course duration has been increased from one year to two years;
- (b) whether there is any increase in syllabus; and
- (c) whether yoga has been withdrawn from B.Ed. syllabus and if so, why one year course was changed to two year course?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Council for Teacher (NCTE), which is mandated with maintaining teacher education standards in the country, had revised its regulations through notification of 1st December, 2014 increasing the duration of the B.Ed. Programme from one year to two years from the academic session 2015-16.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The syllabus of B.Ed. Programme has been revised under the NCTE Regulations, 2014 and new course modules on I.C.T., Yoga Education, Gender Studies and Disability Education have been made compulsory in all the 15 teacher education programmes from 2015-16 academic session. Provision for 20 weeks of internship has been introduced for rigorous training of student teachers. With a view to improve its quality, the duration of the B.Ed. programme has been enhanced to make it a more professionalized and rigorous teacher education programme.

Setting up of IIT in Karnataka

1500. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has received any recommendations from State Government for setting up of an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Karnataka; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) and (b) The State Government has identified land in Raichur (688 acres), Mysore (499 acres) and Dharwad (500-600 acres) free from legal encumbrances for establishment of an IIT in Karnataka. The finalization of the land for setting up of an IIT in Karnataka will be consequent upon