

- (ii) Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal
- (iii) Jio Institute under the Greenfield category. It will be set up of as an Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be University within three years of issuance of Letter of Intent'.

The Institutions were recommended and approved by the EEC and the UGC based on their detailed fifteen year strategic vision plan and a five year rolling implementation plan *viz.* Academic Plan, Faculty Recruitment Plan, Students Admission plan, Research Plan, Networking Plan, Infrastructure development Plan, Finance Plan, Administrative Plan, Governance Plan, etc. with clear annual milestones and action plans on how the Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities are to be set up, with identifiable outputs and outcomes and their plan to meet the criteria for attaining the status of an Institution of Eminence, as mentioned in their application and presentations made before the EEC.

#### **Institution of Eminence status to Jio Institute**

\*103.SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Jio Institute has been given Institution of Eminence status recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) where is the campus of the institute situated and how many courses have been offered during the last one year; and
- (d) the number of faculty members and students in the institute?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR): (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

#### ***Statement***

(a) to (d) University Grants Commission (UGC) notified the UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 for declaration of private sector Institutions as Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities. The Regulations *inter-alia* provide for Sponsoring Organizations under Greenfield category to set up new Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University.

In accordance with the Regulations, 40 applications from private sector, including 11 applications in the Greenfield category received in the Ministry. These applications had been

entrusted to Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) constituted for selection of Institutions of Eminence. EEC, after thorough examination of applications and presentations made by the Institutions/Sponsoring Organizations, made its recommendations to UGC.

The report of EEC was considered and approved by UGC in its meeting held on 9th July, 2018 and recommended that the following 3 Institutions from private category for issuance of Letter to Intent:

- (i) Birla Institute of Technology & Sciences, Pilani
- (ii) Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal
- (iii) One Institution (Jio Institute) under the Greenfield category.

These Institutions were recommended and approved by EEC and the UGC based on their detailed fifteen year strategic vision plan and a five year rolling implementation plan viz. Academic Plan, Faculty Recruitment Plan, Students Admission plan, Research Plan, Networking Plan, Infrastructure development Plan, Finance Plan, Administrative Plan, Governance Plan, etc. with clear annual milestones and action plans on how the Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities are to be set up, with identifiable outputs and outcomes and how their plan to meet the criteria for attaining the status of an Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University, as mentioned in their application and presentations made before the EEC.

The Sponsoring Organization of the Jio Institute has proposed to set up the Institution at Karjat, Maharashtra. The Institution has been given Letter of Intent for setting up Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be University in the next three years. The Sponsoring Organization will submit a report to this Ministry indicating its readiness for commencing academic programmes, within three year of this Letter of Intent. During this period, the proposed Institution will not admit students in the Institute. The students will only be admitted after issuance of Notification by this Ministry.

#### **Status of Institutions of Eminence**

\*105.SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has granted status of Institutions of Eminence to six private and public sector institutions of higher education in 2018;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, institution-wise; and
- (c) the details of criteria adopted for granting the status to such institutions?