

University College of Engineering combined with the University College of Technology, both belonging to Osmania University, Hyderabad.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. However, on the recommendation of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister under the chairmanship of Prof. C.N.R. Rao, the Government have decided to establish three new IITs, one each in Bihar in the East, Rajasthan in the West and Andhra Pradesh in the South during the 11th Plan period. There is no proposal at present to establish a Greenfield IIT in Orissa. The Government has not approved upgradation of the extension campus of IIT Kharagpur at Bhubaneswar.

Expansion of IITs and IIMs

198. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:

SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that institutes like IITs and IIMs have not expanded even in three-four decades after they were established, whereas institutions like Harvard and Stanford are continuously expanding;

(b) if so, the manner in which the reservation of OBCs would be effected there without curtailing the number of seats for general categories; and

(c) whether they would be given special grants for proposed expansion or they have to generate funds from their own resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) have, over a period of time, expanded in all spheres of activities viz. number of courses, number of departments/centres, students' strength in under-graduate/post-graduate levels, laboratories and building infrastructure, etc. and acquired world class status.

(b) and (c) The issue regarding OBC reservation in the central institutes of higher learning is presently pending in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and, therefore, sub-judice.

Increase in Universities

199. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Knowledge Commission has recommended that the country needs to increase the number of universities from 350 to 1,500 by 2015, while currently, only seven per cent of the 19-24 year old population enters higher education;

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to raise the number from seven per cent to 15 percent and by when this target would be achieved;

(c) whether Government have fixed any criteria to find out that quality education is imparted at higher level;