

Setting up of Schools of Planning and Architecture

2779. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is pursuing the announcement made in February, 2018 to establish 18 new Schools of Planning and Architecture as autonomous institutions within the IITs for providing quality education to the students willing to opt architecture as profession;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what progress has so far been made towards setting up of the announced institutions within IITs; and

(d) whether any time-line has been fixed to start functioning of new Schools of Planning and Architecture as an adjunct to IITs, especially in Mumbai?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK'): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. As per budget announcement of February, 2018, it was proposed to set up two new full fledged Schools of Planning Architecture (SPAs), to be selected on challenge mode. Additionally, 18 SPAs are proposed to be established in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institutes of Technology (NITs) as autonomous Schools, also on challenge mode. Accordingly, proposals were invited from State Governments, Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and National Institutes of Technology (NITs). Based on the performance on parameters under challenge mode, proposals of State Government of Maharashtra and Government of UT of Puducherry, 07 IITs (Bombay, Bhubaneshwar, Delhi, Guwahati, Jodhpur, IIT-BHU and Ropar) and 07 NITs (Jalandhar, Warangal, Patna, Jamshedpur, Agartala, Allahabad and Silchar) were shortlisted and they were requested to furnish a Detailed Project Report (DPR).

(d) Time line for establishment of these new Schools of Planning and Architecture, including one as adjunct in IIT Mumbai, depends upon receipt of further details from the concerned State Governments/IITs/NITs after scrutiny of their DPR and availability of necessary sanction of the Government.