

Brain drain in IITs

†1540. SHIRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that talented students educated from the renowned IITs are generally selected by foreign multinational companies in the campus itself and taken abroad;

(b) the plan to make up the loss caused to the nation with this kind of brain drain; and

(c) the manner in which the financial loss due to it would be made up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) No record of the number of engineers and technocrats, including IIT engineers, leaving the country is maintained centrally. Indian engineers, scientists and technocrats do go abroad for higher studies or employment. In the present scenario of globalization and liberalization, the movement of technical personnel across the national boundaries is not only inevitable but in many cases could give positive benefits to the country. It is considered neither feasible nor desirable to put in place a regulatory framework to prevent the movement abroad of qualified engineers and technocrats.

Central university in every State

†1541. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a Central University in every State of the country;

(b) if so, whether any of the existing Universities in the States would be given the status of Central University or a new university would be set up there;

(c) whether Uttarakhand has sent any proposal for granting the status of Central University to any university of the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether Government have received some more proposals in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details of other proposals received in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) Though a proposal for granting the status of a Central University to Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar (Garhwal), Uttarakhand, had been received, it is proposed to establish a new Central University each in 16 such States, including Uttarakhand, as do not have any Central University.

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