

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 819**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14/12/2022

**CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN URBAN PLANNING**

**819. SHRI S NIRANJAN REDDY**

Will the Minister of **Education** be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Ministry has designated a Centre for Excellence for developing India specific knowledge in urban planning and design in existing institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry has designated any institution in the State of Andhra Pradesh in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (d): In the Union Budget 2022-23 speech, it has been announced that 'For developing India specific knowledge in urban planning and design, and to deliver certified training in these areas, up to five existing academic institutions in different regions will be designated as centres of excellence'. In this regard, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) initiated the exercise to identify five academic institutions in different regions imparting knowledge in urban planning and design for their designation as Centres of Excellence (CoEs).

In order to steer the process of identifying and designating institutions as CoEs, a committee comprising of officials from MoHUA, Department of Higher Education (Ministry of Education), NITI Aayog and leading domain experts has been constituted.

Request for Proposal has been issued, inviting proposals from academic institutes of urban planning for identification and subsequent designation of CoEs from amongst these institutions. Proposals have been received in MoHUA which are under their scrutiny.

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