

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 170  
ANSWERED ON 11.12.2024**

**Criteria for granting Institute of Eminence status**

**170 Shri P.P. Suneer:**

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

- (a) the criteria defined by the Ministry for granting Institute of Eminence (IoE) status for educational institutes;
- (b) the benefits that come with the IoE status in terms of funding and flexibility in determining syllabus;
- (c) whether the IoEs status is linked with performance of the institute in the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) framework; and
- (d) the current list of IoEs along with the additional benefits granted to them in terms of funding?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION  
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)**

- (a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) to (D) IN RESPECT OF  
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REGARDING CRITERIA FOR GRANTING INSTITUTE OF EMINENCE STATUS  
ASKED BY SHRI P. P. SUNEER**

(a): The eligibility criteria for granting IoE status to educational institution are mentioned in UGC Guidelines/ Regulations – 2017 available on <https://ioe.ugc.ac.in/>. For public funded institutions to become an IoE, it should figure in the top 50 of the ranking in their category under latest NIRF or top 500 in some of internationally recognized ranking frameworks such as Times Higher Education World University Rankings or QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) or Shanghai's Jiao Tong University (SJTU). For private institutions, the eligibility criteria, *inter-alia*, includes – deemed university status in case of existing institutions, credentials of sponsoring organizations, its net worth, corpus fund, governance structure, strategic vision and implementation plan. The Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) scrutinize/apprise the application and make their recommendations for selection of IoEs.

(b): Financial assistance up to an amount of Rs 1,000 Crore each, is provided to public funded IoEs only, over a period of five years. The IoEs have complete flexibility in fixing of curriculum and syllabus, with no UGC mandated curriculum structure. They have the freedom to offer courses within a programme as well as to offer degree in newer areas after approval of its Governing Council and subject to broadly confirming to minimum prevailing standards, without consulting the UGC but with intimation to it. They have flexibility of course structure in terms of credit hours and number of years to take a degree, after approval of its Governing Council.

(c): IoEs are required to get accredited by NAAC or an alternative version of NAAC within five years of its notification. However, institute may appeal to EEC on accreditation of NAAC or alternative version of NAAC, whose decision shall be final.

(d): Currently, there are 12 notified IoEs, eight public funded institutions namely - IIT-Delhi, IIT-Bombay, IIT-Madras, IIT-Kharagpur, Indian Institute of Science-Bangalore, Banaras Hindu University, University of Hyderabad, University of Delhi, and four private institutions namely - Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Birla Institute of Technology and Science-Pilani, O.P. Jindal Global University, Shiv Nadar University. Rs. 6, 090.37 crore has been released to eight public funded IoEs till 30.11.2024.

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