

Upgradation of Regional Engineering Colleges to international level

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(a) whether Government have decided to upgrade Regional Engineering Colleges to international level on the lines of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT);

(b) if so, the names of engineering institutions which have been selected for upgradation, State-wise;

(c) whether Government bear their annual expenditure; and

(d) the amount to be spent by Government to upgrade the same to international level and sources of such amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Sixteen out of seventeen Regional Engineering Colleges (RECs) located at Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Calicut (Kerala), Durgapur (West Bengal), Hamirpur (Himachal Pradesh), Jaipur (Rajasthan), Jalandhar (Punjab), Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), Kurukshetra (Haryana), Nagpur (Maharashtra), Rourkela (Orissa), Silchar (Assam), Surat (Gujarat), Surathkal (Karnataka), Tiruchirappali (Tamil Nadu) and Warangal (Andhra Pradesh) have been converted into National Institutes of Technology and granted deemed University status. The matter relating to conversion of Regional Engineering College, Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir) into National Institute of Technology with deemed University status is under process.

(c) and (d) Yes, after detailed consideration & examination of all aspects, the Central Government has taken over the full financial responsibilities from the current financial year. The total budgetary allocation for the current financial year under Plan and Non-Plan is Rs. 216.69 crores. Besides, these institutes would also get assistance for the quality upgradation, in a phased manner under the Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme of Government of India (TEQIP).

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