

Though there is difficulty in getting competent faculty for the IIT system particularly in some of the disciplines, however, this is not affecting the teaching in the IIT adversely. IITs have been continuously evolving new ways of attracting the retaining quality faculty. IITs have recently started practice of having standing advertisement for inviting applications for faculty positions in the IIT system. They have also taken initiatives of attracting competent academics from universities abroad. A committee set up by the government to review functioning of IITs is specially looking into the issues relating to attracting and retaining high quality faculty in the IIT system, so that IIT continue to get and retain high quality faculty.

### **Establishment of Institutes for Quality Teaching**

610. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission proposes to establish four institutes across the Country, called the Centre for Studies in Integrated Sciences (CSIS), in collaboration with CSIR on the lines of IIT, for promoting quality teaching; and

(b) If so, what are the details thereof alongwith financial allocations made for each of the proposed CSIS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC has proposed to establish 4 Centres for Studies in Integrated Sciences (CSISs) for promoting quality teaching and research in basic sciences in collaboration with other scientific agencies in the Xth Plan. The proposal is being examined by the Government.

### **Survey on functioning of foreign universities by AICTE**

611. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: