

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether IIT has sent group of students in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of research assigned to such groups;
- (c) the details of report submitted by such groups; and
- (d) the extent to which such research will be helpful in the development of rural areas through science?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. A. A. FATMI)

(a) to (d): In some IITs Ph. D. Students especially in Centre for Rural Development and Technology visit rural areas in different parts of the country to carry out detailed field studies on various research topics related to rural development. Also, each year, several B. Tech. students opt for Industrial Training in rural areas and NGOs. Periodically the Departments of the institutes do send students to rural areas for project work.

Research work on development/upgradation of technologies related to reducing drudgery of women, artisans & farmers, value addition of natural products for increased wealth generation, organic food production & storage, renewable energy Agri-horticulture, wasteland reclamation etc have been very useful for village rooted development. All these help in developing opportunities for employment generation in the rural sector.