

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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S. K. JOSHI REPORT FOR UPGRADATION OF INSTITUTIONS

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

- (a) whether the S. K. Joshi Committee set up during 2003 has submitted its report;
- (b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the said Committee particularly in regard to setting up of five new IITs in the country;
- (c) the action taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Committee;
- (d) the names of the institutes that can be upgraded after the implementation of the said Committee report; and
- (e) the time by which the recommendations of the said Committee is likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Committee has short-listed the following seven institutes as institutions possessing the best potential among the engineering and technical colleges in the country for upgradation to the level of IITs.

1. Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi.
2. University College of Engineering combined with the University College of Technology, both belonging to Osmania University, Hyderabad.
3. Bengal Engineering College, Howrah.
4. Jadavpur University's Engineering and Technology Departments
5. Zakir Hussain College of Engineering and Technology, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh
6. Andhra University College of Engineering, Vishakhapatnam and,
- 7 Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin.

While shortlisting the above institutes, the committee observed that these institutions fall far below the level of existing IITs in all criteria used for shortlisting. In the light of substantial gap between the selected colleges / Institutions and the IITs, the Committee was of the view that it would not be correct to position these colleges straight way alongside the IITs.

The Committee, therefore, suggested that before taking the final decision on their recommendations, the Ministry of HRD may like to set up a small expert group that would need to visit the above 7 Institutions to assess their suitability and also to assess, first hand, the problems of transformation of these Institutions to IIT like Institutes. The group can then also arrive at the quantum of one time financial support needed for managing such a transformation of the Institutions in the event the Govt. decides to upgrade any of them. The Report of the Committee is under consideration of the Government.

- (e): Keeping in view the complexities of issues involved no timeframe for acceptance of recommendations can at present be fixed.