GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2759
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.12.2021

**Institutes of Eminence in Rajasthan and West Bengal**

2759 **Dr. Abhishek Manu Singhvi:**

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

(a) which new Institutes of Eminence have been allocated for the States of Rajasthan and West Bengal;

(b) the reason why there is not a single premier medical institute of national importance in several States of the country; and

(c) the reasons why there is no single Central University of national importance in West Bengal till date?

**ANSWER**
**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**
**(Dr. SUBHAS SARKAR)**

(a) The Government has launched the World Class Institutions scheme in the year 2017 and based on the recommendations of the Empowered Experts Committee (EEC) set up under the scheme & University Grants Commission (UGC), has notified Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani in Rajasthan as 'Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University' and Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur in West Bengal as 'Institution of Eminence' apart from 09 other educational institutions across other states.

(b) & (c) Under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) are set up as Institutes of National Importance (INI) under the AIIMS Act 1956. A total of 22 AIIMS in 19 States are sanctioned. Further, Visva-Bharati, a central university in West Bengal has been declared as an Institution of National Importance.

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