

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 20/12/2023

Functioning of Institution of Eminence Scheme

1959 Ms. Dola Sen:

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

- (a) whether Government has analysed why there has been a delay in the Institution of Eminence (IOE) scheme, specifically pertaining to the inactive Empowered Expert Committee (EEC);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has taken any step to reconstitute the EEC, given that the last committee, completed its term on February 20, 2021, and no new members have been appointed or the term extended; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (d) Government has notified twelve higher educational institutions as Institution of Eminence (IoE), out of which eight are public and four private institutions. As per guidelines/regulatory framework, financial assistance is provided only to public IoEs. So far Rs. 5,255.29 crore has been allocated, out of which Rs.4,933.50 crore has been released to eight public IoEs. These funds have been utilized by the institutions in setting-up of state-of-the-art research facilities, increasing the number of post-doctoral scholars, offering financial incentives to publish research papers, construction of hostel and modern classrooms etc. Institutions have also leveraged the IoE funds to generate more internal revenue. Private IoEs have been granted significant autonomy in academic, administrative and financial matters as per the regulatory framework of the IoE scheme. In particular, these IoEs have been exempted from all UGC Regulations and other guidelines, notifications on matters pertaining to admission and fee structure, flexibility in course structure, recruitment of faculty, academic collaborations, inspection etc. The matter of reconstitution of the EEC is under consideration.
