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Inquiry into Jadavpur University's exclusion from Institute of Eminence Status

1474 **Shri Samik Bhattacharya:**

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

- (a) the specific factors that led the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Empowered Expert Committee (EEC) to recommend against granting Institute of Eminence (IoE) status to Jadavpur University, despite its initial shortlisting; and
- (b) the measures Jadavpur University can undertake to address the concerns raised by the UGC and EEC, and whether there is a possibility for the university to reapply for IoE status in the future?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) and (b): The Empowered Experts Committee (EEC) considered the revised proposal of the Jadavpur University and observed that there was a steep decline in the budget from earlier projected amount of Rs. 3,299 crore to Rs. 606 crore and such a steep decline in the budget was not conducive to realize the target set for the IoE institutions. Accordingly, the EEC recommended the UGC to drop the Jadavpur University from the list of IoE institutions. The recommendations of EEC were placed before the Commission and the same was agreed to.
