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Utilisation of funds in the higher education sector

3066 Smt. Jebi Mather Hisham:

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

- (a) the details of public-private partnership models in higher educational institutions, including private investment during the last five years;
- (b) the details of Central funds disbursed to each State and UT and the actual utilisation by them for public-funded higher educational institutions over the last five years;
- (c) whether Government has introduced funding models to help top institutes meet NEP goals on expansion and excellence, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether Government has noted that private institutions lag in research and innovation compared to public ones, if so, what corrective measures have been taken?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) The Government has setup Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) under Public Private Participation (PPP) model in various States/UTs. Under this model, Central Govt. has contributed 50% of the capital expenditure whereas State Government and Industry partners have contributed 35% and 15 % respectively. In North Eastern States the ratio among Central, State and Industry partner is 57.5%, 35% and 7.5% respectively. During the last 5 years, Central Govt. has released Rs. 723.41 crore to various IIITs established under PPP mode. Ministry of Education has also taken initiative to bring the efficiency in creation of infrastructure in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) under PPP Mode. Projects worth Rs. 497.39 crore have been sanctioned to IIM Udaipur and IIT Madras under Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme of Ministry of Finance.

(b) States/UTs have been benefitted from the Central funds under Rastriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)/ Pradhan Mantri Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA) Rs. 1310.51 crore has been released to different State/UTs during the last five years i.e., FY 2020-21 to 2024-25.

(c) The Government has taken several measures to ensure that premier higher educational institutions are adequately supported to achieve the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. These include the Institutions of Eminence (IoE) scheme, under which selected public institutions are provided financial assistance of up to ₹1,000 crore; Higher

Education Financing Agency, under which centrally funded institutions can avail funds to create world class infrastructure. Central Government also provides financial assistance to State/UTs under PM-USHA to implement various NEP initiatives.

(d) In order to boost research and innovation, the Government has established the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), which seeks to harness the research potential of universities and colleges, support academic research, and facilitate translational research in emerging technologies and national priority areas. The ANRF aims to mobilize ₹50,000 crore during 2023–28, including ₹14,000 crore from the Central Government, with the remaining sourced from public sector enterprises, the private sector, philanthropies, and international bodies, through various funds such as the ANRF Fund, Innovation Fund, and Science and Engineering Research Fund.
