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**Institution of Eminence (IoE) scheme**

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

- (a) the manner in which the IoE scheme can strike a balance between granting institutions greater autonomy and ensuring accountability to stakeholders, including students, faculty, and Government;
- (b) what strategic measures IoE institutions can take to enhance their global competitiveness, attract top talent, and improve their rankings in international university rankings; and
- (c) the manner in which IoE institutions can promote inclusive excellence, ensuring that their pursuit of academic excellence doesn't compromise social equity, diversity and access to education for underrepresented groups?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (c): World Class Institutions Scheme, also known as Institutions of Eminence (IoE) Scheme was launched in 2017 to create distinct category of institutions with great deal of autonomy in academic, administrative and financial matters so as to emerge as World Class Academic and Research Institutions in a reasonable time period. UGC has promulgated a regulatory architecture/framework for institutions notified as Institutions of Eminence (IoE) in the form of Guidelines for public institutions and regulations for private institutions. The framework provides for autonomy in key areas such as academic freedom, recruitment, fee structure, collaborations etc. This is intended to allow the institutions to innovate, attract talent, and compete globally. The institutions are expected to come in top five hundred of any of the world-renowned ranking frameworks in the first ten years of setting up on being declared as Institution of Eminence, and having achieved top five hundred rank, should consistently improve its ranking to come in the top one hundred. In order to become an institution of global repute, it is expected from the IoEs to have highly qualified faculty, good mix of Indian and foreign students, transparent merit based and need-blind admissions, excellent research facilities, NAAC accreditation and impart multidisciplinary education, among others. Public funded IoEs follow reservation policy of the government of India in admitting students.

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