

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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ANSWERED ON - 29/07/2026**

Proposal for establishment of IIT and IIM in North Bengal

1157 Shri Biswajit Sinha (Rahul Sinha):

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

- (a) whether Government has received formal proposal from West Bengal for an IIT and IIM in North Bengal, as announced in the State Budget 2026-27 presented on 22nd June, 2026;
- (b) if so, the status of proposal, location-selection criteria within North Bengal and timeline for in-principle approval;
- (c) if not, the procedural steps West Bengal must complete like land identification, DPR preparation and compliance with the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961 and IIM Act, 2017 before the Central approval; and
- (d) Government's plan for equitable geographical distribution of IITs/IIMs, given North Bengal's strategic location?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)**

(a) to (d): Ministry of Education, Government of India has received a request from the Government of West Bengal, regarding the broad requirements and guidelines for establishment of a new IIT and IIM in North Bengal including Infrastructure needs, financial framework, planning norms, campus development guidelines, indicative phasing of the project, Project formulation template adopted for establishment of recent IITs/IIMs etc.

At present, there are 23 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and 21 Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) established and functioning in the

country. IIT Kharagpur and IIM Calcutta which are Institutes of National Importance (INI) have already been established by the Central Government in the state of West Bengal along with National Institute of Technology (NIT) Durgapur, Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIST) Shibpur and Indian Institute of Information Technology Kalyani. These institutes are also known for their excellence in technical education, advanced research in both fundamental and applied domains, innovation, promotion of entrepreneurship, and consultancy services to industry.

The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 focuses on strengthening existing educational institutions by improving their infrastructure, governance, and resources. NEP 2020 also recommends the establishment of Multidisciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERUs) as model public institutions to set the highest standards in education and research. All Indian Institutes of Technology in line with the vision of NEP 2020 have implemented holistic, multidisciplinary education and flexible academic programs. Admission to the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management are conducted at the national level through highly competitive examinations, thereby providing students from across the country equal opportunities to compete and secure admission.
