

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3952
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2017**

Innovation Hubs

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the norms prescribed by the Government for selecting good universities for extending of total assistance to make innovation hubs; and
- (b) whether the Government is considering to implement the Prime Minister's scholarship programme in higher education and if so, the details thereof including the Institutions presently covered and which are proposed to be covered under the scholarship scheme?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)**

(a) : No such norms have been prescribed for selection of institutions for setting up Research Parks/Start up Centres. However, the institutions are selected on the basis of good academic and research eco-system, presence of industry within the periphery.

(b): The Prime Minister's Research Scholarship (PMRF) programme has been envisioned to improve the quality of research, and to encourage bright students completing their B.Tech in IITs/NITs or graduation in IISc and IISERs to register for direct PhD programme in IITs & IISc. The fellowship would be comparable, if not equal, to the remuneration that the scholar would have secured in the job market. The scheme will be taken up for approval of competent authority.
