

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 37
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2018**

World University Rankings

***37. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore has climbed down from its previous position in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2018;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to regain/retain and improve the world ranking by such elite institutes of the country?

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)**

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 37 FOR 05.02.2018, ASKED BY SHRI PINAKI MISRA, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, REGARD-ING WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

- (a) Yes, Madam. In the Times Higher Education (THE) rankings 2018 (released on 5th September 2017), the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, is placed at 251-300, while it was in the 201-250 band in the THE 2017 rankings.
- (b) The ranking of IISc has improved on certain components like teaching (compared to last year) and gone down on some other criteria (like citation score). The Institute has however done an analysis of this and would continue to focus on quality research to improve its ranking.
- (c) University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued / notified enabling regulatory architecture in the form of UGC (Declaration of Government Educational Institutions as Institutions of Eminence (IoEs)) Guidelines, 2017 and UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 to enable 10 public and 10 private Institutions to emerge as World Class Teaching and Research Institutions. These institutions shall be called as Institutions of Eminence (IoE). As per Regulations and Guidelines, the IoEs shall be provided with greater autonomy with an aim that these institutions will come up in top five hundred of world rankings in the first ten years and having achieved top five hundred rank, should consistently improve its ranking to come in the top one hundred eventually over time. The Public IoEs shall be provided with financial incentive upto Rs 1000 Crore in period of five years. IISc has applied to become an Institution of Eminence.