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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1435 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.03.2018

Number of IITs

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

- (a) the total number of Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) opened in the country during the last two years;
- (b) the separate details of the IITs out of them opened in rural areas of North-East, Himachal Pradesh, Kashmir and Uttarakhand;
- (c) the time after which the curriculum of IITs is reviewed; and
- (d) the steps taken to co-ordinate it with industries?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SATYA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (d): Pursuant to the Budget Announcements 2014-15 and 2015-16, six new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have been established at Palakkad (Kerala), Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Jammu (J&K), Bhilai (Chhattisgarh), Dharwad (Karnataka) and Goa. The Academic Session of IITs at Palakkad and Tirupati started in 2015-16 and that of remaining four in 2016-17 from their temporary campuses. Older IITs have been appointed as Mentor Institutes for these new IITs to guide them in their academic programmes, curriculum, deployment of faculty etc. The Institutes of Technology Act, 1961 and the Statutes framed thereunder provide academic autonomy to the IITs for review of curriculum, institution of new courses etc. keeping in view the market opportunity analysis and requirement of industry.
