

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 281
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2018**

Institutes of Excellence

281. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

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

- (a) the number of institutes of excellence in Saurashtra region of Gujarat along with the students enrolled therein;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to set up new institutes of excellence in the region particularly Rajkot district;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)/Indian Institute of Management (IIM) or a similar institute in Rajkot which is a hub of education in Saurashtra; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): There are no educational institutes which are named as 'Institutes of Excellence'. However, the University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued / notified enabling regulatory architecture in the form of UGC (Declaration of Government Educational Institutions as Institutions of Eminence) Guidelines, 2017 for public institutions and UGC (Institutions of Eminence Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2017 for private institutions for setting up / upgrading up of 20 institutions (10 from public sector & 10 from private sector) as World Class Teaching and Research Institutions. These Institutions shall be called as 'Institutions of Eminence' (IoEs).

For selection of IoEs, applications have been invited from the eligible and interested applicants from private sector as well as public sector.

(d) & (e): At present, there is no such proposal under consideration.
