

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 346  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2018**

**Centres of International Excellence**

**346. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is intending to create selected institutes of higher education as centers of international excellence under a revised policy on higher education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including details of institutions selected for the same from the country including West Bengal;
- (c) whether such institutions would be provided further budgetary allocation in order to improve their academic and physical infrastructure and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether such institutions be associating academicians from foreign universities in their faculty and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): No, Madam. There is no such proposal is under consideration of the Central Government. 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 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 named as 'Institutions of Eminence' (IoEs).

Under this scheme, the selected IoEs will have freedom to choose their own path to become world class institutions for which greater autonomy like to admit foreign students up to 30% of admitted students; to recruit foreign faculty upto 25% of faculty strength; to offer online courses upto 20% of its programmes; to enter into academic collaboration with top 500 in the world ranking Institutions without permission of UGC;

free to fix and charge fees from foreign students without restriction; flexibility of course structure in terms of number of credit hours and years to take a degree; complete flexibility in fixing of curriculum and syllabus, etc. shall be provided. Under the scheme, each public Institution selected as IoE shall be provided financial assistance upto Rupees 1000 Crore over a period of five years.

It is expected that IoEs will come up in top 500 of the world ranking in ten years time and in top 100 eventually overtime.

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