

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2261  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.12.2018**

**IIT Kharagpur**

2261. SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur has decided to set up 'Rekhi' Centre;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives of the said Centre;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be made functional;
- (d) whether IIT, Kharagpur has also offered a certificate course on happiness and positive psychology; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the course is likely to be started?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): Yes, Madam. With a view to promote science and practice of positivity for fostering meaningful life, happiness, well-being and holistic self-development, 'Rekhi' Centre was set up by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur in July-August, 2016. The Centre currently offers courses to its own Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) students. However, no certificate courses are being offered to outsiders at present.

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