

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1283  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019**

**Programme for PISA 2021**

**1283. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:**

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

- (a) the details and the status of the Institutes of Eminence (IoE);
- (b) whether private Greenfield institutes would be continued to be provided the tag of IoE as has been the case previously;
- (c) whether the goals have been set for the nation to achieve in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) of 2021;
- (d) if so, whether steps are being taken by the Ministry to achieve said goals, at the Government school levels; and
- (e) the training is being imparted to or would be imparted to teachers for the PISA 2021 and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b): The Central Government, after considering recommendation of University Grants Commission (UGC) on the report of Empowered Expert Committee, issued Notifications to 3 Public Institutions namely Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore; Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi & Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. Apart from this, the Government has issued Letters of Intent to 3 Private Institutions namely Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Karnataka; Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani under brown field category and Jio Institute under green field category for setting up/up-gradation of Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University within a period of 3 years. 'Institutions of Eminence' tag can be used by these Private Institutions only after issuance of Notification by this Ministry declaring them as Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University.

(c) to (e): The Government of India has decided that India will participate in the Programme for International Students Assessment (PISA) to be conducted by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in 2021. The PISA test is to measure education's application to real-life problems and lifelong learning. The OECD will undertake contextualization of the tests and translation would be done in Hindi. The preparations for PISA 2021 have been initiated. An Agreement has been signed on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 between Ministry of Human Resource Development and OECD for this purpose.

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