

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & LITERACY  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:-2063**  
ANSWERED ON-13/03/2023

**District Institutes of Education and Training**

2063. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to develop District Institutes of Education and Training as vibrant institutes of excellence for Teachers' Training in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed a five year R&D grant to one of the IITs (Indian Institutes of Technology) for Lab Grown Diamonds (LGD) sector to encourage indigenous production of LGD seeds and machines and to reduce import dependency;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
(SMT. ANNPURNA DEVI)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. Re-envisioning of District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) as vibrant institutes of excellence through innovative pedagogy, curriculum transaction, continuous professional development, dipstick surveys, and ICT implementation has been announced in Budget 2023.

(c) to (e): A research grant of 242.96 crores over 5 years, commencing from 01<sup>st</sup> April 2023, for the establishment of India Centre of Lab Grown Diamond at IIT Madras has been approved by the Department of Commerce. The objective is to promote Research and Development for indigenous manufacturing of LGD raw materials and machinery in order to reduce import dependency. Further, the Custom duty on Seeds for use in manufacturing of rough lab-grown diamonds has been reduced from 5% to "NIL" for a period of two years until 1st February, 2025.

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