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CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR AI

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Will the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of setting up Centers of Excellence (CoE) for Artificial Intelligence (AI) as proposed in the budget along with the shortlisted academic institutions, criteria for shortlisting and proposed timeline for their establishment;
- (b) the strategies and partnerships planned with industry stakeholders to ensure effective implementation and growth of CoE for AI;
- (c) the budget allocation and funding mechanisms designated for CoE for AI and the sustainability plans to ensure continuous financial support for the success of these initiatives;
- (d) the details of the Skill development programs and training opportunities offered through CoE for AI to enhance the capabilities of the Indian workforce in AI-related technologies;
- (e) the specific focus areas of CoEs for AI in terms of research, development and deployment and the manner in which it will cater to the growth of AIIed innovations; and
- (f) the details of the monitoring mechanisms to assess impact of CoEs for AI in driving technological advancements and socio-economic growth?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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(a) to (f): AI is a kinetic enabler of the Trillion-dollar digital economy and innovation ecosystem. National Program on Artificial Intelligence – India AI is being rolled out with the objective to create a globally competitive AI innovation ecosystem that can create platforms and technologies ranging from healthcare, education and governance. For realizing the vision of “Make AI in India and Make AI work for India”, three centres of excellence (CoEs) for Artificial Intelligence have been announced in the Budget Speech 2023-24. Multi-stakeholder working groups have been constituted to conceptualize mechanisms for short listing academic institutions, strategies, partnerships planned with industry stakeholders, funding mechanisms and monitoring mechanisms to assess the impact of these CoEs and also to assess as well as design the curriculum for AI for preparing the Indian workforce with the requisite skill sets to keep pace with the advancements in AI.
