

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2168  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2019**

**I I E S T**

**2168. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to upgrade certain Universities as Indian Institutes of Engineering Science and Technology (I I E S T);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken up the issue of upgradation of these Universities with the respective State Governments; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**A N S W E R**

**MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a) & (b): The Anandakrishnan Committee, which was constituted in 2005 to assess the potential of some selected Institutions for their transformation to high-level technological 'Institutes of National Importance (INI)', had recommended 05 (five) Institutes to be converted into 'Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (I I E S T)' through an Act of Parliament. The five recommended Institutes were (1) Bengal Engineering College – Shibpur (West Bengal) [later became Bengal Engineering and Science University (BESU) – Shibpur]; (2) Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University (BHU) – Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh); (3) Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT) – Kochi (Kerala); (4) Andhra University College of Engineering – Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh); and (5) University College of Engineering (UCE), Osmania University – Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh).

(c) & (d): In consultation with the respective State Governments, the Government of India has upgraded IT (BHU) as Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi w.e.f. 29.06.2012. Similarly, the BESU has also been upgraded as I I E S T, Shibpur w.e.f. 04.03.2014.

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