

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4155
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021**

IISER-Thiruvananthapuram

4155. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of IISER-Thiruvananthapuram in terms of its functioning from its own campus;
- (b) whether the institute has exited from the project mode
- (c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of academic wings and departments of IISER-Thiruvananthapuram that have an independent building;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the institute can accommodate all students on a single-occupancy basis if they join the residential campus during the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')**

(a): IISER-Thiruvananthapuram started functioning from its campus in Vithura fully from November, 2018.

(b)&(c): The institute is yet to exit from project mode. The reasons for the same include breakdown of initial contract with M/s Consolidated Construction Consortium Limited (CCCL), hard terrain of the region in which the institute is located, heavy rains for almost 7-8 months/year in the region, which preclude constructions and non-availability of adequate number of workforce.

(d)&(e): Three departments of IISER Thiruvananthapuram have independent building viz. Chemistry, Biology and Physics.

(f) to (h): No, the institute is not in a position to accommodate all students on a single-occupancy basis if they join the residential campus during the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic. However, furnishing of 1000- Bed hostel is to be undertaken, post completion of the same the institute can accommodate all students on a single-occupancy basis if they join the residential campus during prevailing Covid-19 pandemic.
