

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1030

TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2021

Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the time by when Multidisciplinary Education and Research Improvement in Technical Education (MERITE) Project is likely to be launched along with the time for which this project is likely to be in force;
- (b) whether the Government has the proposal regarding the gap which has come in the new project after the Third Phase of Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP-III);
- (c) whether the Government has any remedial plan for the employment of persons who are associated with TEQIP-III in this adverse situation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION
(SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (d): Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) phase-III, initiated by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India with assistance from the World Bank to improve the quality of engineering education since 1st April 2017, is going to conclude on 30th September 2021.

A token amount of Rs. 10 crore has been provided for "Multidisciplinary Education Research Innovation in Technical Education (MERITE)" in the recent budget 2021-22 to start preparatory works.

The Government of India has been making continuous efforts to ensure that the focus State Governments prepare a sustainability plan for the Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP-III), so as to avoid any academic standstill beyond the project period i.e 30th September 2021. Ministry of Education has written to the Chief Secretaries of Focus States requesting to plan for continuation of activities undertaken during TEQIP- III, for maintaining the quality of technical education.
