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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2481
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022**

Setting Up of IIT in GCC Countries

2481. SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to set up Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) & (b): As per the Joint India-UAE Vision Statement issued on 18th February, 2022 after a virtual summit between the leaders of the two countries, “..... the leaders agreed to establish an Indian Institute of Technology in the United Arab Emirates”. As a follow up to this, the Government has requested the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD) to explore the possibility of establishing a campus of IIT Delhi in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). IIT Delhi requested the Indian Ambassador to UAE to identify and arrange a meeting with the relevant UAE authorities. Accordingly, Department of Education and Knowledge, Abu Dhabi (ADEK) was identified as the relevant UAE authority. In the first ADEK-IITD meeting, both sides made presentations about their respective organizations and conveyed their eagerness and enthusiasm to move forward with this project. In the second ADEK-IITD meeting, ADEK invited representatives from the Department of Economic Development and from the Advanced Technology Research Council who made presentations on the Economic vision and the Research priorities of Abu Dhabi respectively. On a request from ADEK, IIT Delhi made a presentation on the model followed for mentoring new IITs by the older IITs and shared its experiences in mentoring IIT Ropar and IIT Jammu.
