GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2204 ANSWERED ON- 05/08/2024

Delay in Establishment of IIT in Hassan, Karnataka

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the delay in establishing an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Hassan, Karnataka, despite that State Government has reserved 1,100 acres of land for the project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the delay;
- (c) the number of students who are being deprived of quality education due to this delay;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the establishment of the said IIT, and the timeline for completion of the project;
- (e) the action taken by the Government to complete the project without further delay;
- (f) whether the Government has any proposal to start temporary operations in any existing institution to prevent further delay; and
- (g) the action taken against officials responsible for the delay?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (g): In Union Budget for the year 2015-16, it was inter-alia announced to set up an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in the state of Karnataka. Accordingly, on the recommendations of Site Selection Committee (SSC), Government has decided to establish IIT in Dharwad district of the State. IIT Dharwad has since commenced its academic sessions from 2016-17. The foundation stone of the institute was laid in February, 2019 and the permanent campus was dedicated to the nation in March, 2023. The institute has more than 1,050 students and over 90 regular faculty members. During the past five years, more than Rs. 1,230 Crore has been released to IIT Dharwad.
