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Artificial Intelligence Centres of Excellence

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Government has launched three Artificial Intelligence (AI) Centres of Excellence (CoE) led by AIIMS and IIT;
(b)   if so, the details thereof;
(c)   the total financial outlay required to be made for this purpose and the actual funds utilised during the last two years; and
(d)   the contribution of these CoEs made in respect of promoting research and innovation in healthcare, agriculture and sustainable cities?

ANSWER

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

ANSWER

(a) to (d): In pursuance to Para 60 of the Budget Announcement 2023-24 regarding "Centres of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence" for the vision of "Make AI in India and make AI work for India", Government has approved establishment of three Centres of Excellence (CoE) in Artificial intelligence (AI), one each in the areas of health, agriculture and sustainable cities with a total financial outlay of Rs. 990.00 Cr over the period of FY 2023-24 to FY 2027-28.

An Apex Committee, consisting of experts from the Industry and the field of AI, academicians, representatives from concerned Ministry's etc., selected consortiums led by AIIMS Delhi -IIT Delhi, IIT Ropar and IIT Kanpur in the areas of health, agriculture and sustainable cities respectively.

These CoEs are designed to conduct interdisciplinary research, develop cutting-edge applications, and create scalable solutions in these three areas. This initiative aims to galvanize an effective AI ecosystem and nurture quality human resources in these critical fields. The research and technology development outputs from these consortiums are also envisaged to integrate seamlessly with government schemes across these sectors, ensuring that cutting-edge innovations that translate into actionable solutions for public benefit.

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