

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
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Establishment of Centres of Excellence in University

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total number of Centres of Excellence established in universities and higher education institutions across the country;
- (b) total funds allocated for the development and support of these centres during the last three years;
- (c) the criteria for selection of universities to receive support for establishing such centres; and
- (d) whether the Government seeks to establish additional Centres of Excellence in emerging areas of research, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (d) Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Universities and Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are specialized research or academic units to focus on a particular field of study, discipline, or area of innovation. Formation of a CoE is a continuous process, which involves ongoing development, evolving research goals, securing funding, building expertise, and fostering collaborations over time to maintain relevance and impact. These are chosen based on various factors like research potential, industry relevance, infrastructure, faculty expertise, innovation capacity, interdisciplinary collaboration, funding opportunities, and alignment with national priorities and global competitiveness.

Further, in pursuance to Para 60 of the Budget Announcement 2023-24 regarding "Centres of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence", the Government has approved establishment of three Centres of Excellence (CoE) in Artificial Intelligence (AI); one each in the areas of health, sustainable cities and agriculture; with a total financial outlay of Rs. 990.00 Cr over the period of FY 2023-24 to FY 2027-28. The fourth Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence for Education has also been announced in Budget 2025-26.
