LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 171
ANSWERED ON-03/02/2025

Establishment of IIT in Nashik

171.   Shri Rajabhau Parag Prakash Waje:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a)   whether the Government will consider establishing an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Nashik, given its location, cultural heritage and growing industrial base;

(b)   the manner in which the Government views the potential impact of an IIT in Nashik on local job creation, entrepreneurship and the economy enhancing Nashik's status as an educational and innovation hub in Maharashtra;

(c)   whether the Government has conducted/proposed to conduct any study to assess the benefits of sitting up an IIT in Nashik, aligning with the Government's focus on education and innovation growth;

(d)   whether there is any criteria in terms of numbers of IITs and IIMs set up in a State, if so, the details thereof; and

(e)   whether the size of the State in terms of area and population is considered in deciding this number?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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(a) to (e): 16 IITs were functioning in the country till 2014. In pursuance to Budget Announcement 2014-15 and 2015-16, six new IITs have been established in the States/UT of Andhra Pradesh (IIT Tirupati), Kerala (IIT Palakkad), Chhattisgarh (IIT Bhilai), Jammu & Kashmir (IIT Jammu), Goa (IIT Goa) and Karnataka (IIT Dharwad). Further, in pursuance to the Budget announcement 2015-16, the Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad (ISM Dhanbad) was accorded the status of IIT in the year of 2016. At present there are 23 IITs and 21 IIMs functioning in the Country including IIT Bombay, IIM Mumbai and IIM Nagpur in State of Maharashtra.

IIT Bombay (Indian Institute of Technology Bombay) is one of India's most prestigious engineering and research institutions, established in 1958. Institute has consistently been a leader in academics, research, and innovation with more than 14200 student strength. In the QS World University Rankings 2025, IIT Bombay has achieved notable position and placed at 118th Rank.

With an aim to ensure high quality education in Maharashtra, Government of India has established several premier Institutes like Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur (VNIT Nagpur); Indian Institute of Management, Nagpur (IIM Nagpur); Indian Institute of Information Technology, Nagpur (IIIT Nagpur); Indian Institute of Information Technology, Pune (IIIT Pune); Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Viswavidyalaya, Wardha and Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune (IISER Pune). Further, National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE) in Mumbai has been converted into the Indian Institute of Management Mumbai (IIM Mumbai), in 2023.

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