GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 213 ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025

DEVELOPMENT OF IIIT KALYANI

*213. Shri Jagannath Sarkar:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION

be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of infrastructure development at IIIT Kalyani including the timeline for completion of its permanent campus and steps taken to address infrastructure delays;
- (b) whether the institute is facing shortage of permanent faculty and if so, the details thereof and the measures taken/to be taken by the Government to recruit qualified faculty to improve teaching and research quality;
- (c) the number of research projects and patents filed by IIIT Kalyani during the last five years and the steps being taken to enhance research output and commercialization of innovations;
- (d) the initiatives being undertaken to strengthen industry collaborations, improve placement opportunities and integrate students into the technology sector;
- (e) whether the Government is aware of administrative delays affecting faculty recruitment, fund allocation and campus development and if so, the corrective measures taken/being taken in this regard; and
- (f) the status of student grievances regarding hostel facilities, extra curricular opportunities and overall student experience and the steps being taken to address these concerns?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 213 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025 REGARDING "DEVELOPMENT OF HIT KALYANI" RAISED BY SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR:

(a) to (f): IIIT Kalyani is one of the twenty Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) established by the Government of India in the Public-Private Partnership mode. The State Government has provided 34.36 acres of land till date for the construction of its permanent campus. The construction is at an advance stage of completion with the physical progress being around 98%. Initial delays were caused by disruptions during the pandemic, affecting the labour availability and supply chains.

Currently, the institute has 21 faculty members, with 13 being regular faculty, 2 Contractual, 1 Visiting Professor and 5 Guest Faculty. In order to enhance the teaching and learning processes in the institute, 28 additional faculty positions have been created and recruitment to these positions has been initiated.

The faculty and students are pursuing cutting-edge research in the frontier areas of science and technology and presently working on eleven sponsored research projects. The faculty members have submitted five patent applications, out of which one has already been granted. In the last five years, the institute has published 110 papers in peer-reviewed journals. The institute provides a Cumulative Professional Development Allowance (CPDA) of Rs.3 lakhs per faculty member over a three-year period to support research-related activities and acquiring professional resources.

IIIT Kalyani has signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with industries and other academic institutions to strengthen joint research collaborations, internships, etc., and provide industry exposure to its students. The institute also has a dedicated Training and Placement Cell and an Innovation and Incubation Cell (IIC) to guide students about relevant industry opportunities, and support student-led start-ups, respectively.

The students' team from IIIT Kalyani won the Smart India Hackathon 2022 and 2019 under different categories. They have also won accolades and top positions in various coding and hackathons events organised by other institutions. To ensure vibrancy on campus and a conducive learning environment, the institute organises cultural events like, Dance Showcase, Literature Week, Musical Gameshow, Script Writing, Women's Day Celebration, etc., and technical events such as, Robotics Competition, Competitive Programming, Robo War Competition, etc.

Every batch of students has been assigned faculty members who act as *Batch Mentors*, who acts the first point of contact for students with the administration regarding their concerns about academic or other related activities within the institute. A Grievance Redressal Cell has also been established in the institute and comprises several members, including representatives from the faculty.
