

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1353
ANSWERED ON 28/07/2025

Institutes of Eminence Scheme

1353. Shri G Kumar Naik:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Universities applied for the Institutes of Eminence (IoE) Scheme;
- (b) the total number of such applications still lying under review;
- (c) the total number of applications received under IoE Scheme from Greenfield Universities or Institutes;
- (d) the total number of selected Greenfield Institute for IoE Scheme and their present status; and
- (e) the types of support, including financial assistance or other resources provided to public and private Universities designated as IoEs along with the accountability mechanisms in place to ensure effective use of these resources and the achievement of high standards of excellence expected under the scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)

(a) to (d): World Class Institutions Scheme, also known as Institutions of Eminence (IoE) Scheme was launched in 2017 to create distinct category of institutions with great deal of autonomy in academic, administrative and financial matters so as to emerge as World Class Academic and Research Institutions in a reasonable time period. A total of 114 applications from higher educational institutions in India were received and processed under the IoE scheme including eleven applications from greenfield institutions. Two greenfield category institutions were recommended, out of which sponsoring organization of one of the institutions withdrew the application at later stage.

(e): UGC has promulgated a regulatory architecture/framework for institutions notified as Institutions of Eminence (IoE) in the form of Guidelines for public institutions and regulations for private institutions. The framework provides for autonomy in key areas such as academic freedom, recruitment, fee structure, collaborations etc. The public IoEs are also provided a financial assistance of upto Rs 1000 Crore, each, under the scheme.
