

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LOK SABHA
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IISER Centre

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Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to set up Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Centre in the State of Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether students belonging to Bihar are facing with a lot of problems due to getting admission in other States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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(a) to (d): The Government is committed to strengthening and expanding existing institutions and aligning them with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which envisions multidisciplinary and holistic education across sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities. The policy emphasizes moving towards multidisciplinary academic institutions to enable high-quality interdisciplinary teaching and research across all fields.

Currently, under Ministry of Education, there are 7 Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs), 23 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), 25 Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs), 32 National Institutes of Technology (NITs), 48 Central Universities (CUs) and 21 Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) in the country. The admission to each of these institutions is through a national level exam, which is conducted in different cities spread across the country. Therefore, students from any part of the country, including those belonging to Bihar, can take admissions to any of these institutions depending on their preference, ranking in the respective exam and the seat availability. Besides, NIT Patna has a domicile quota wherein 50% seats are reserved for the students from Bihar.

At present, Bihar has one Indian Institute of Technology (IIT Patna), one Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT Bhagalpur), one Indian Institute of Management (IIM Bodh Gaya), one National Institute of Technology (NIT Patna) and two Central Universities (CU of Bihar, Mahatma Gandhi Central University). It is noteworthy that in the Budget Speech 2025-26, a proposal for expansion of hostel and other infrastructure capacity at IIT Patna was also announced. Accordingly, Rs.644.54 crores have been approved by the Government under Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) loan to IIT Patna for the development of residential facilities for students, faculty and staff, construction of academic block/tutorial building, workshops, Research Park.
