

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**LOK SABHA
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Establishment of IIT in Coimbatore/Madurai

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to establish new IIT in Coimbatore or Madurai for the benefit of southern part of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
(DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR)**

(a) to (c): At present there are 23 Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) established and functioning in the country. IIT Madras, an Institution of National Importance (INI) has already been established by the Central Government in the state of Tamil Nadu. Besides IIT, Madras, there are other premier technical institutes in the state such as National Institute of Technology (NIT), Tiruchirappalli and Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing Kancheepuram (IIITDM Kancheepuram). These esteemed institutes are known for their excellence in technical education, advanced research in both fundamental and applied domains, innovation, promotion of entrepreneurship, and consultancy services to industry.

The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020 focuses on strengthening the existing educational institutions by improving their basic structures, governance and resources. NEP 2020 also recommends establishment of Multi-disciplinary Education and Research Universities (MERU) as model public institutions to set the highest standards in education and research. IIT Madras is realizing the vision of NEP 2020 and is implementing flexible educational programmes, promoting holistic, multi-disciplinary education integrating science and engineering with management and social sciences. Further, IIT Madras has been actively collaborating with several state government departments and agencies in Tamil Nadu to support education, infrastructure development, environmental sustainability, health systems strengthening, and technological innovation. The institute has undertaken a wide range of projects spanning sectors such as education, transport, energy, water, urban development, and public health.
