

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5947**  
ANSWERED ON 30.03.2026

**IISER in Bihar**

†5947. Shri Rampriti Mandal:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is no campus of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) in the State of Bihar despite it being the third most populous State in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that thousands of students have to migrate to other States in the absence of an IISER in the said State, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up an IISER in the said State and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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(a) to (c): 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), 44 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.

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