GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1186 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2015

World University Rankings

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Will the Minister of **HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state?

- (a) whether the Government has taken note that as per QS World University Rankings 2015, two country's institutions have been able to make it to top two hundred universities in the world;
- (b) if so, the details of the ranking and the criteria adopted in this regard;
- (c) the reasons that even prestigious institutions have not been able to make it to top two hundred; and
- (d) the reasons that IIT, Mumbai and Delhi University have further slipped in their rankings during current year as compared to previous year?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a)to(d): Yes Madam. Two institutions viz., Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and Indian Institute of Technology Delhi have been placed on 147 and 179 respectively in the QS World University Rankings for 2015-16. IIT Bombay has not slipped in its rankings during current year as compared to previous year (Rank: 222 in 2014 and 202 in 2015). The parameters of QS World Ranking System are Academic Reputation, Employer Reputation, Student Faculty Ratio, Citations per Faculty, International Faculty Ratio and International Student Ratio. It may be seen that this ranking system attaches considerable importance to perception, which is subjective. For more objective assessment based on performance, Government has brought out the National Institutional Ranking Framework for Higher Education Institutions. A large number of initiatives have been taken for improvement of quality and promotion of excellence in Higher Education Institutions.
