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National Centre of Excellence

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any policy to set up National Centre of Excellence (NCE) in every Parliamentary Constituency of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with such centres proposed to be set up in Madhya Pradesh including Bhind and Datiya; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Government has framed the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020, which aims to promote research and innovation in higher education ecosystem. It envisages an active role for higher education institutions in conducting research in disruptive technologies, including Artificial Intelligence (AI).

In line with this vision, the Government has established four Centres of Excellence (CoEs) in Artificial Intelligence (AI); one each in the domain of Education, Healthcare, Sustainable Cities and Agriculture at IIT Madras, IISc Bengaluru, IIT Kanpur and IIT Ropar respectively. These AI-CoEs are designed to collaborate with academia, industry, startups and state governments.

In addition, the Government has approved the IndiaAI Mission under the guiding principles of "Make AI in India" and "Make AI Work for India", fostering innovation, indigenous capabilities, and inclusive AI-driven solutions for socio-economic development. Under the IndiaAI Startup Financing pillar, a scheme for establishment of 58 AI Centres of Excellence (AI-CoEs) has been approved in collaboration with industry partners and State/UT Governments including Madhya Pradesh.

Further, the Government has launched PM-SETU (Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs), a centrally sponsored scheme with an investment of Rs.60,000 crore. The PM-SETU scheme aims to enhance the overall quality and relevance of vocational training in the country. The Scheme has two components: under Component I, upgradation of 1,000 Government ITIs is envisaged and under Component II, establishment of five National Centres of Excellence for skilling are envisaged at Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur and Ludhiana. The PM-SETU Scheme is being implemented across all States/UTs, including Madhya Pradesh.

Additionally, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has released the guidelines for recognition of Centres of Excellence (CoE) under Skill India. Under this initiative, institutions having permanent and best-in-class infrastructure can be empanelled as CoE-skills across the country including in Madhya Pradesh. These CoE-Skills aim to enable better training outcome and stronger integration among skill development & education as envisaged under NEP 2020.
