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Government of India
Ministry of HRD
Department of Higher Education
[Management Division]

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
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To,
The Editor,
Times of India.
Times House, 7 Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg,
New Delhi - 110 103

Subject: Clarification regarding establishment of new IIMs: news published in TOI Delhi Edition dated 7th Jan. 2015 [Page 24].

Sir,

News titled "6 IIMs yet to take off as HRD drags feet on land, mentors" published in Delhi Edition of your newspaper dated 7th Jan. 2015 [Page 24] has come to the notice of this Ministry. It is clarified in this regard that this Ministry has already assigned mentorship of the 6 upcoming IIMs as under:-

Sl.No.	New IIMs in	Mentor IIM
1.	Andhra Pradesh	IIM Bangalore
2.	Odisha	IIM Calcutta
3.	Bihar	IIM Indore
4.	Himachal Pradesh	IIM Lucknow
5.	Maharashtra	IIM Ahmedabad
6.	Punjab	IIM Kozhikode

2. The above decision was taken in the meeting held in this Ministry on 28th Oct. 2014 where the representatives of various concerned State Governments and older IIMs were present. The decisions taken in the meeting have already been formally communicated to all concerned State Government and mentor IIMs on 5th Nov. 2014. There has been no formal change of mentorship thereafter. It is, therefore, incorrect to state that the Ministry of HRD is undecided over the mentorship of the upcoming IIMs. As regards, the issue of allotment of land for these institutions, this Ministry is in close contact with the State Governments to finalise the sites. The sites have been shortlisted in most States and the process of site selection is being completed on priority. For construction of campus, Ed.CIL has been entrusted to prepare Detailed Project Report [DPR] for these upcoming IIMs. Preparation of the DPR is also in advance stage. The Ministry of HRD is prepared to commence academic activities of these IIMs from the forthcoming academic session if State Governments allot land timely as mentor IIMs have already been finalized.

3. The Ministry assigns top most priority to the setting up of IITs and IIMs and is making every effort to ensure that academic session starts as proposed.

Yours faithfully,



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