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What action taken on threat to black money petitioner, asks SC

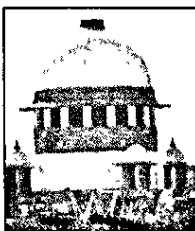
Top Cop Told To File Affidavit On IIT Prof Who Sought Police Protection

Dhananjay Mahapatra | TNN

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday asked Delhi Police commissioner to detail action taken on IIT Delhi professor S K Dube's complaint about threats given to him for writing to the Prime Minister about alleged misconduct of Enforcement Directorate chief Arun Mathur and his deputy Prabhakant.

A co-petitioner with Julio F Ribeiro in a PIL seeking prompt action against those who stashed black money abroad, Dube had alleged that Prabhakant on April 2 threatened to get him into trouble through Intelligence Bureau if he did not withdraw his March 22 letter to the PM. TOI was the first to report this on Thursday.

Dube's letter had alleged that Mathur, Prabhakant and another ED official S K Sahni had visited Kolkata on July 1, 2009 and enjoyed "hospitality of a hotel owned by a private compa-



Professor Dube alleged in a letter that some Enforcement Directorate officials were put up in a hotel owned by a private company that was under scrutiny in July 2009

ny under investigation of the ED".

Two days after Prabhakant allegedly threatened him, Dube had informed Delhi Police commissioner B K Gupta about it and sought protection for his family as he was going abroad, senior advocate Rajeev Dhawan told a bench of Justices B Sudershan Reddy and S S Nijjar.

"These things cannot be allowed during hearing of the matter," said a visibly disturbed bench before asking the police commissioner whether an FIR had been registered on the basis of the information given by Dube.

Asking the Delhi Police

chief to file his affidavit within a week, the court said, "We would like to know what action has been taken by the commissioner." It also asked the ED official, Prabhakant, to file response to the allegations through solicitor general Gopal Subramaniam denied them. The court also sought the Union government's response.

Subramaniam told the court that Prabhakant was never involved in the probe into either the black money issue or the alleged money laundering activities of suspected hawala dealer Hasan Ali Khan.

Both Dhawan and Ram Jethmalani's counsel Anil

Divan said they had nothing personal against the ED officers and wanted to underscore the importance of a setting up a Special Investigation Team to probe and unearth black money.

The bench said the probe in this petition was much wider than Hasan Ali Khan and wanted the Centre's response on disclosure of names of account holders in LGT Bank who allegedly stashed Rs 43 crore and the desirability of an SIT.

Before parting, Jethmalani accused Maharashtra government of harassing deputy commissioner of police Ashok Deshbhratar for proceeding with the probe against Khan. "He has been put under suspension and asked not to move out of Mumbai after he desired to place his side of the story before Supreme Court," Jethmalani said.

Maharashtra advocate general Ravi Kadam said the state would respond to the allegations within a week.

Don't politicize, SC tells Ram

New Delhi: Senior advocate Ram Jethmalani submitted a transcript of suspected hawala dealer Hasan Ali Khan's interrogation alleging that "conversations showed direct intervention of 10 Janpath". A Supreme Court bench said, "The issue before us is a serious one. Let us not unnecessarily politicize it." TNN

Hasan custody till April 12

Mumbai: A sessions court extended the judicial custody of Hasan Ali and Kashinath Tapuriah till April 12. Both the bail applications will also be heard the same day.

Khan filed for bail in the city sessions court on Wednesday. Khan was first arrested on March 7 following allegations of money laundering. TNN

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Prof who wrote to PM alleges threat

BLACK MONEY CASE ■ SC seeks govt response to IIT professor's complaint against ED officials

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NEW DELHI, APRIL 8

SENIOR officials of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) came under the Supreme Court scanner on Friday for allegedly threatening an IIT professor, who was seeking a probe into black money deposited in banks abroad.

S K Dubey was allegedly targeted for writing a letter to the Prime Minister, complaining of corruption in the agency. Though the government termed the allegation as a deliberate attempt to "hack" the "fairly delicate" investigation of the ED into illegal money stashed abroad by Indians, the Supreme Court took a serious view of the matter.

The Bench of Justices B Sudershan Reddy and S S

Don't politicise issue, says SC

NEW DELHI: The apex court on Friday asked contesting parties to refrain from politicising the black money case, stating that one should keep the best interests of the country in mind while dealing with the "serious" issue.

It made the remark after

senior advocate Ram Jethmalani alleged that a recorded conversation by suspended IPS officer Ashok Deshbhratar on the interrogation of Pune stud farm owner Hasan Ali Khan showed "direct intervention of 10, Janpath". **ENS**

Nijjar directed the Union of India to file a detailed affidavit after conducting an inquiry into the allegations.

The court also asked the Delhi Police Commissioner, to whom Dubey had complained, to file an affidavit on whether a FIR was registered into the complaint.

Senior advocate Rajiv Dhawan, who represented Dubey, read out from the latter's affidavit about how

he had received a call from senior ED official on April 4 to seek an appointment. The official came within "45 minutes" and threatened him.

The March 21 letter levelled graft charges against three officers, including the ED Director.

The Centre was also asked to get back to the court on April 15 on the issue of constituting an SIT.

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IIT chief lays stress on indigenous technology

TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

HAMIRPUR, APRIL 8

A three-day international conference on "Advances in Computing and Communication" began on the National Institute of Technology (NIT) campus today.

This conference was inaugurated by Prof. Timothy A Gonsalves, director of the IIT Mandi in the auditorium of NIT. In his inaugural address, Prof. Gonsalves exhorted institutes to develop indigenous technology in every field as prosperity of Indians could be designed by Indian engineers alone.

Emphasising the need for developing indigenous technology he said, "By borrowing technologies, our country is helping the advance countries to earn huge profits with low investments while we can develop such technologies ourselves."

He said, "Even by borrowing technologies like 2G, 3G and 4G, our country has been paying huge royalties to companies like Google etc

and our technology institutes should lay great emphasis in developing indigenous technology through which can save huge money."

In his paper on "Design in Engineering Education", he also shared his experiences of developing rural technology at Chennai and designing a voice-controlled wheel chair at Mandi.

A bilateral agreement to share research and advances in the field of computing and communication was also signed between Laura University, Finland, and NIT Hamirpur on this occasion.

The objective of this MoU is to facilitate international academic exchange and student mobility, to develop academic and scientific relationships and collaborate research activities.

Earlier, addressing this conference, NIT director Prof RL Sharma said the meaningful discussion in such august gathering would definitely lead to enrichment of teachers, scholars and student community.

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NO CHILD'S PLAY, THIS

Statistics show a high involvement of young minds in criminal activities, the youth of Delhi prove just that

Diksha Kamra

Delhi's crime scene is seeing an abnormal change in the profile of criminals. Figures released by the National Crime Records Bureau show that while youths aged 18-30 years were behind 46.5% of all crime nationally, in Delhi, people in that age group committed 57% of all crime. About 12% of criminals caught in the capital were educated. And 85% to 93% were first timers, and a whopping 57% of whom were younger than 25.

RACKET SKILLS OF THE YOUNG

JANUARY 22, 2011: An MBA student was a part of the gang of professional armed robbers who were arrested in South Delhi. The gang also included a regional sales manager with Essar group and the third member was a postgraduate in economics and former MNC executive. They lived lavish lifestyles and needed extra money as their earnings could not finance their luxuries. They robbed their victims at gunpoint and bankrolled their expensive habits and lifestyle with the money that they stole.

JANUARY 22, 2011: Class XII student of Delhi Public School stole his neighbour's car at Alakhanda locality of South Delhi. The 18-year-old was arrested in Karol Bagh, where he hoped to sell the stolen Maruti 800. The boy's father was a general manager at BHEL and his mother was a lecturer at a polytechnic college. His elder brother was studying engineering at a reputed Delhi college.

JAN 23, 2011: Akshaya Kumar, 19, a college student was one amongst the four arrested for shooting and robbing a man. A pistol, cartridges, bikes and four mobile phones were recovered from the

gang. They reportedly approached a group of professional criminals to carry out this meticulously well-planned robbery.

DECEMBER 28, 2010: A handful of students were reported to be a part of a sex racket – in order to earn a quick buck – busted in Rohini, which was being run in the garb of an escort agency.

OCTOBER 30, 2010: Vikas Jain, 22, a BCA (Bachelor of Computer Applications) graduate from IP University was one among a gang that was arrested in five cases of burglary amounting to more than ₹55,000 in cash and 100gm of gold jewellery from South Delhi. The youths got involved in betting and had no recourse but to pay the money lost by taking a loan from a local money-lender at 10% monthly interest. To pay their mounting debt, they resorted to robbery and crime.

OCTOBER 29, 2010: 19-year-old Rahul Gupta, craved the affluence that his friends enjoyed. He came in contact with three other conspirators after falling in Class XII, and murdered two school kids. Rahul, along with four members of a west UP gang, lured the two victims out of the city by promising them a good time. The gang had reportedly also done the same with many other students earlier.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2010: A 21-year-old Delhi University female student was arrested for running a gang of thieves. The gang of seven robbers stole at least ₹2 crore worth of goods, including a few cars. The gang was run by Mansi, a young B.Com student.

JULY 3, 2010: Police busted a racket in which engineering graduates and B Tech students, including one from IIT Delhi, impersonated aspirants from Bihar, Orissa, Jharkhand, UP and Delhi at entrance exams. The coerced engineering students to write

entrance exams for aspirants. They would scout for talented students willing to impersonate for money, get them to write the exam on someone else's behalf - and earn ₹4 lakh per successful candidate.

AUGUST 19, 2010: Hitesh, 19, and Shakti, 21, were arrested for allegedly duping two prospective candidates of ₹4.17 lakh each with the false promise of admission to a prestigious DU college in North Campus. The two took the victim's certificates and mark-sheets and even gave them a fake receipt.

APRIL 14, 2010: Two DU students – Phool Kumar, 23, BSc, and Shiv Kumar, 21, BA – looted cars in Alipur, and used the vehicles to smuggle premium liquor brands into Ahmedabad. They wanted easy money for a lavish lifestyle. Six months ago, Phool Kumar allegedly bought a pistol from UP and then roped in his friend to smuggle liquor from Haryana into Gujarat where alcohol is banned. The two had earlier looted three luxury cars at gunpoint.

FEBRUARY 28, 2010: A management graduate and a Delhi University student were two among the four involved in a high-profile sex racket run by Shiv Murti Dwivedi alias Sant Swami Bhimanand Ji Maharaj Chitrakoot Wale (39), a self-styled godman.

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'Gadget withdrawal' is for real

Teens Show Symptoms Similar To Drug Addicts

London: Today's tech-savvy youngsters seem to so obsessed with laptops and mobiles that they suffer from gadget withdrawal symptoms when deprived of their modern devices, a new study has found.

In fact, according to the study, the withdrawal symptoms youngsters experience when deprived of their gadgets are comparable with those of drug addicts going "cold turkey", the Daily Mail reported.

Researchers found 79% of students subjected to a complete media blackout for just one day reported adverse reactions ranging from distress to confusion and isolation. In vivid accounts, they told of overwhelming cravings, with one saying they were "itching like a crackhead".

The study focused on people aged between 17 and 23 in ten countries, including the UK, where about 150 students at Bournemouth University spent some 24 hours banned from using phones, social networking sites, the Internet and TV. They were allowed to use landline phones or read books and were asked to keep a diary.

One in five reported feelings of withdrawal akin to an addiction while 11% said they were confused or felt like a failure. Nearly one in five (some 19%) reported feelings of distress and 11 per cent felt isolated. Just 21% said they could feel the benefits of being unplugged.

Some students took their mobile phone with them just to touch them. A British participa-



COLD TURKEY? Researchers found that 79% of students when deprived of their mobile phones or computers for just one day reported adverse reactions ranging from distress to confusion and isolation

nt reported, "I'm an addict. I don't need alcohol, cocaine or any other derailing form of social depravity. Media is my drug; without it I was lost."

Another wrote, "I literally didn't know what to do with myself. Going down to the kitchen to pointlessly look in the cupboards became regular routine, as did getting a drink."

A third said, "I became bulimic with my media; I starved myself for 15 hours and then had a full-on binge."

Susan Moeller, lead researcher of the University of Maryland, said: "Technology provides

the social network for young people today and they have spent their entire lives being 'plugged in'. Some said they wanted to go without technology for a while but they could not as they could be ostracised by their friends."

He added: "When the students did not have their mobile phones and other gadgets, they did report that they did get into more in-depth conversations. Quite a number reported quite a difference in conversation in terms of quality and depth as a result," she added, while claiming that technology "absolutely" changed relationships. AGENCIES

Alert system to help thwart online bullying

London: A British man has developed what he claims is the world's first bullying alert system for social networking site Facebook, which scans text and flags up abusive behaviour.

Paddy Clarke's software scans walls and inboxes for trigger words and phrases such as "gay" and "fat" and alerts parents when they appear — he came up with the idea after reading a string of cyber-bullying horror stories, the Daily Mail reported.

Clarke said he hoped his system, called "Know Diss", will keep children safe from online bullies. "Cyber-bullying is very topical at the moment, but this software is the only one in the world to search through text on social networking sites to protect children. Know Diss is a very simple concept. It is also a partnership between parent and child because one cannot sign up without the other," the 48-year-old said.

Clarke's program continuously searches through all text on Facebook accounts signed up to the service, including messages, picture comments and posts. It uses a database of several thousands of words to identify bullying trigger words in a number of spelling variations. When a bullying phrase is detected, it is copied and immediately emailed to the child's parent or "Facebook guardian" who can decide whether further action is needed. PTI

CORNER OFFICE SARA MATHEW, CHAIRMAN & CEO, DUN & BRADSTREET CORPORATION

'Indian edu system helped me excel in US'

Prabhakar Sinha | TNN

India is one of the most favoured investment destinations for US-based Dun & Bradstreet (D&B). However, that is not the only India connection which the world's leading provider of global business information, knowledge and insight, boasts of. D&B, which, to put it simply, collects information to ascertain credit worthiness of companies, also has another strong connect with the Indian market—its global chairman & CEO, Sara Mathew, is an Indian.

Set up in 1841, few people would perhaps know that D&B has had the distinction of employing luminaries such as Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S Grant, Grover Cleveland and William B McKinley as credit correspondents before they went on to become US presidents. At present, the \$5.6-billion company operates in 200 countries and manages one of the most valuable commercial databases in the world, which contains more than 177 million business records. In India, D&B collects data from 100,000 sources, which it plans to increase manifold in the coming years.

Chennai-born Sara Mathew was in India recently and spoke to TOI on a range of issues, including its Indian business, the economy and the education system. At 55, she is one of the growing breed of India-born professional CEOs who are making their presence felt in the global corporate world. However, she is modest and would rather give all the credit to the Indian education system for her success. "The good education system in India is what has helped me in excelling in my career in the US," she

said and added that Indian degrees are highly respected and are very helpful in getting good jobs in the US.

Born to doctor parents, she attended the Presentation Convent Church Park School and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree from the Women's Christian College. Subsequently, she earned her masters in business administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Sara also holds a cost accountancy degree from The Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India (AICWA).

Mathew's climb up the corporate ladder in D&B has been gradual but definitive. She joined D&B in 2001 as the

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chief financial officer (CFO) and went on to become the president in 2006 before being appointed president and chief operating officer in 2007. In 2010, she was named CEO and then assumed the role of chairman of the board in July 2010. But it was really in Procter & Gamble, where she demonstrated great tenacity during her 18 year-stay, climbing from the post of a clerk before being appointed as the CFO of its global baby care business.

In India to push D&B's expansion in the country she said that India is the focus of D&B's growth strategy. We reckon that given the rise in instances of corruption in India, a focused approach to credit rating would go a long way in solving some of the country's current problems.

D&B's Indian business coverage has grown from 700,000 companies in 2006 to over 7.2 million entities in 2011.

"In 2010 alone, the company grew its Indian database by 2.5 million and has plans to get to 9 million by end of 2011," she said.

India has a great future, she says. "While challenges are there in the short term, the prospects

are bright in the long term," she said. Unlike other credit rating agencies, which rate a company on the basis of information provided by the company itself, D&B rates a company on the basis of data collected from independent sources, she said and added that it is therefore considered to be more reliable.

As for the economy she feels that it exhibits strong fundamentals and a high growth potential. "Economic reforms and growth-enabling policies would be warranted to facilitate a sustained and inclusive growth. Continued thrust on economic reforms will ensure inflows of foreign funds, which will be crucial for financing huge investment requirements in various sectors in the country," she said.

Mathew feels infrastructure development is extremely critical now for the economy. "This will be important for both—stimulating growth as well as attracting foreign investments," she said. The government, she said, is expected to put special focus on developing core infrastructure sectors. "An environment to attract private participation in infrastructure will only speed up the process," she said.

That's not all. Her recipe includes a sustained growth of agriculture to attain inclusive economic growth, given that agriculture still employs a large chunk of the population. "Addressing core issues such as reducing dependence on monsoon, improving warehousing facilities and removing bottlenecks in the food supply chain need to be high on the policy agenda of the Indian government," she said.

Under Mathew, D&B has implemented a total shareholder return (TSR) strategy, focused on profitable revenue growth, margin expansion and a disciplined approach to deploying D&B's free cash flow. She was also instrumental in the development and implementation of D&B's current international strategy to leverage partnerships to improve D&B's competitive position through the creation of D&B's World Wide Network (WWN). Since then, its international business has almost doubled in revenue, besides expanding margins. Currently, she is leading a transformation of D&B from a data company to a more innovative, digital enterprise, by leveraging technological advances that will allow the firm to expand its reach.



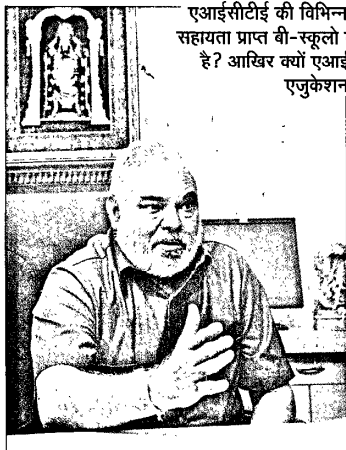
बी-स्कूलों पर सरकारी नियंत्रण : बड़ा सवाल

सामने आ रही है। ऐसे में सरकार के सामने कई सारे स्पष्टीकरण दिए जाने जरूरी हैं।
 मुंबई हाईकोर्ट को औरंगाबाद बेंच ने कहा कि स्थायी रूप से नो ग्रांट आधार पर किसी शैक्षिक संस्था को स्थापना का अधिकार सभी नागरिकों के मूलभूत अधिकारों में से एक है। यह अधिकार भारतीय संविधान के आर्टिकल 19(1)(जी) के अंतर्गत दिया गया है।

सवाल यह है कि जब सरकार मदद नहीं कर रही है, तो हर तरफ असुरक्षा का माहौल क्यों बनाया जा रहा है? क्या शिक्षा जगत को भी लाइसेंस राज से जुड़ना होगा? क्या इस सेक्टर के लोगों को शिक्षा जगत की नीतियां बनाने में शामिल किया जाता है? क्या एचआरडी मिनिसटर केवल कॉर्पोरेट सेक्टर के लोगों से ही सलाह नहीं ले रहे हैं? एआईसीटीई की विभिन्न समितियों में

मैनेजमेंट एजुकेशन से जुड़े लोग क्यों नहीं हैं? उनका हआर सही करते हैं कि रजिस्ट्रारों और नोकरशाहों में कोई विचवास बाकी नहीं रह गया है। अब जरूरत है कि लोग ही फैसला करें।
 (लेखक श्री बालाजी सोसाइटी के अध्यक्ष, सीआईएएफ के एग्जिक्यूटिव डायरेक्टर और बीआईटीएम, बीआईआईबी और सीआईएएचआरडी के डीन हैं।)

एआईसीटीई की विभिन्न समितियों में मैनेजमेंट एजुकेशन के बड़े नाम क्यों शामिल नहीं हैं? क्या बिना सहायता प्राप्त बी-स्कूलों को भी पूरी तरह सहायता प्राप्त आईआईएम की तरह स्वतंत्रता हासिल क्यों नहीं है? आखिर क्यों एआईसीटीई ज्यादा विज्ञापन देने वाले संस्थानों पर ही कार्रवाई करती है? देश में एजुकेशन इंस्टिट्यूट्स इस ज्वलंत मुद्दे पर सरकार से जवाब चाहते हैं।



प्रोफेसर (कॉर्नल) ए. बालासुब्रमण्यम

कुछ समय पहले एक जने-माने शिक्षाविद ने सवाल उठाया था कि भारत देश को 1947 और यहां की अर्थव्यवस्था को 1991 में आजादी मिली। क्या सरकारी मां को भी आजादी मिलेगी? आज थकी सवाल शिक्षा जगत से जुड़े कई लोग पूछ रहे हैं। यह मुद्दा एआईसीटीई, शिक्षाविद और राज्य व केंद्र सरकारों के बीच घंटा हुआ है। राजनीतिक पचड़े में पड़े इस मुद्दे की आग में युवा जल रहे हैं। कुछ समय पहले दलितनाट्य के मूल्यांकन ने शिक्षा का मुद्दा राज्य सरकार को सीपों की बात उठाई है। उन्होंने यह भांग सोनिया गांधी के सामने उठाई थी, जिन्होंने इस पर सकारात्मक प्रतिक्रिया दी है। एजुकेशन आज एक चतुर्भुज चुकी है। इसकी कोणत लगनी है और इसका भरपूर बाजार भी है। सरकार प्राइवेट के हित भी सुरक्षित रखना चाहती है। लगना है कि सरकार प्राथमिक न्याय व्यवस्था को और जा रही है। इस प्रक्रिया में भारतीय संविधान में दिये गये मूल अधिकारों का हनन हो रहा है। निजी क्षेत्र

शिक्षा जगत में जो क्रांति लाया, उसे भुलाया जा रहा है और नीति निर्धारक कई मनमाने कदम उठा रहे हैं, जिससे शिक्षा जगत में लताओं इतने निवेश करने वाले शिक्षाविदों का अपमान हो रहा है। बिना कोई महामना लेते खाने शिक्षा जगत के महत्वपूर्ण कदमों को अन्देरी की जा रही है, जबकि उनके इतने कदमों के चलते ही देश में रोजगार की समस्या भी बढ़ती जा रही है। आज लोगों के हितों को सुरक्षा के नाम पर मनमाने अल्पव्ययपूर्ण निरास सांग किए जा रहे हैं। इससे भारत की बदनामी हो रही है। जब अमेरिका और यूरोप के लोग हमारी शिक्षा व्यवस्था को तारीफ कर रहे हैं और हमारी सरकार खुद को भ्रष्टाचारी बता रही है, तो हम कहां जाएंगे? इस क्षेत्र के विद्वानों के सवालों का जवाब देते हुए सरकार ने नेशनल नॉलेज कमिशन बनाया था, जिसके अध्यक्ष सेम पित्रोडा थे। इस कमिशन ने 27 मुद्दों पर 300 सुझाव दिए। हायर एजुकेशन के रिजोर्केशन पर बने प्रणाल कमिशन ने भी अपनी रिपोर्ट पेश की। इन्हीं सुझावों में से

एक था कि देश से कंट्रोल राज का खाना होना चाहिए। देश सौचता है कि केंद्रीय मंत्री कपिल सिबल देशहित में बहुत बड़ा काम कर रहे हैं और इससे चीजें बदल जाएंगी। उन्होंने यह जवाब दिया था कि वह इन आयोगों के सुझावों को 100 दिन में लागू कर देंगे, लेकिन वह भी सरकारी दबावों के आगे झुक गए। आखिर वह भी एक इन्सान ही है, जिनके सामने सगम तरह की समस्याएं हैं। आखिर क्या इसी तरह लोकतंत्र काम करता है? जो भी इतने बनना चाहता है, उसे विलेन भी जरूर चाहिए। तकनीकी शिक्षा के क्षेत्र से जुड़े लोग आसानी से शिकार भी बन जाते हैं। पूंजीवाद के पिता एडम स्मिथ ने अपनी पुस्तक वेल्थ ऑफ दि नेशन्स में लिखा था, 'इंदिरा गांधी ने हमारे संविधान की भूमिका में समाजवाद शब्द जोड़ा। उन्होंने ही अपने पिता जवाहर लाल नेहरू से एक कदम आगे जाकर लाइसेंस राज की नींव रखी। पीवी नरसिम्हा राव, जिनसे कांग्रेस किनारा ही काना चाहेगी, को लाइसेंस राज के खाने का कदम उठाने के लिए प्रेरित होना पड़ा, क्योंकि अर्थव्यवस्था मर रही थी। इसके बाद एनडीए आया और उसका नारा था कि हम किसी से कम नहीं। उन्होंने अरुण शौरी को पब्लिक क्षेत्र के डिफरन्सेटमेंट के लिए ही मंत्री बनाया। क्या आज की एचआरडी मिनिसट्री को कोई सबक नहीं लेना चाहिए!



संविधान सभा के सदस्यों ने ऐसे मुद्दों पर चीख-पुकार मचाई, जो देश की एजुकेशन से जुड़े हुए थे, लेकिन शिक्षा को बाद के तूफानों में डाल दिया। राज्य सरकारें भले ही शिक्षा जगत की जरूरतें पूरी कर रही हैं, लेकिन ऐसी शिक्षा क्यास कम या किसी बने-बनार होने तक ही सीमित नहीं है। महान दार्शनिक प्लेटो नेहरू ने आईआईएम की स्थापना किसी कंट्रोल सिस्टम के अंतर्गत नहीं की थी, जैसा कि हम आज देखते हैं। देश की मैनेजमेंट एजुकेशन के अग्रगण्यों में से एक एक्सएलआरआई की स्थापना 1949 में हुई थी, जो आज भी पीजीडीएस प्रोग्राम चलाता है। इंडियन इंस्टिट्यूट ऑफ सोशल वेल्फेयर एंड बिजनेस

मैनेजमेंट ने 1987 में पहली एमबीए डिग्री दी थी। उस समय एआईसीटीई जैसी संस्था होती ही नहीं थी। एआईसीटीई की नींव भी 1987 में ही पड़ी। उसका उद्देश्य नियंत्रण रद्द करना था, बजट के सहयोग के साथ, क्योंकि ऐसा करने के लिए उसे करदाताओं का पैसा दिया जा रहा था। एआईसीटीई पर तकनीकी शिक्षा की पर्याप्त योजना और विकास की अहम जिम्मेदारी है, लेकिन यह सकारात्मक भूमिका कहीं हाथिये भर चली गई है और शांतिशाली भूमिका

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कोटा व भोपाल को मिलेगा नई आईआईआईटी का तोहफा

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देश के बीस राज्यों में सार्वजनिक-निजी भागीदारी (पीपीपी) के आधार पर प्रस्तावित नई आईआईआईटी का तोहफा राजस्थान में कोटा और मध्यप्रदेश में भोपाल को मिलने के प्रबल आसार हैं। मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय की ओर से इस सम्बंध में संस्थान के लिए उपयुक्त स्थान चिन्हित करने सम्बंधी भेजी गई चिट्ठी के जवाब में दोनों राज्यों ने क्रमशः कोटा और भोपाल के नाम सुझाए हैं। छत्तीसगढ़ व उत्तर-पूर्व के राज्यों के अलावा कुछ छोटे राज्यों ने इस सम्बंध में किसी तरह का रिस्पांस नहीं भेजा है जबकि देश के आधे से अधिक राज्यों ने जल्द इस सम्बंध में विस्तृत ब्यौरा भेजने की बात कही है। संस्थान की स्थापना के लिए गठित विशेषज्ञ समिति की ओर से अपनी सिफारिशें मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय को जल्द सौंपे जाने के आसार हैं। मंत्रालय की योजना वर्ष 2012-13 के अकादमिक सत्र से देश में कम से कम चार से पांच नई आईआईआईटी की शुरुआत करने की है।

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उच्च पदस्थ सूत्रों ने बताया कि राजस्थान सरकार ने मंत्रालय को अवगत कराया है कि आईआईआईटी के लिए कोटा सर्वाधिक उपयुक्त है। राज्य के मुख्यमंत्री गहलोत बजट भाषण में इस आशय की घोषणा भी कर चुके हैं। आईआईआईटी की स्थापना के लिए राज्य सरकार ने 45 करोड़ रुपए की मंजूरी भी प्रदान कर दी है। राज्य सरकार ने आश्चस्त किया है कि कोटा में आईआईआईटी के लिए निर्धारित 50 से 100 एकड़ जमीन की उपलब्धता को लेकर कोई समस्या आड़े नहीं आएगी। जहां तक संस्थान की स्थापना में केन्द्र और राज्य सरकार के बाद तीसरी पार्टी के तौर पर निजी भागीदार की तलाश एवं उसके चयन की बात है तो यह कार्य अगले एक महीने में पूरा कर लिया जाएगा।

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भोपाल को नई आईआईआईटी की स्थापना के लिए सर्वाधिक उपयुक्त मानते हुए जिले के अन्तर्गत 50 से 100 एकड़ जमीन उपलब्ध कराने का भरोसा दिया है। संस्थान की स्थापना सम्बंधी दूसरी औपचारिकताएं पूरा करने को लेकर उत्साहित राज्य सरकार ने मंत्रालय को सूचित किया है कि निजी भागीदारों के लिए कई बहुराष्ट्रीय व राष्ट्रीय कम्पनियों से बातचीत चल रही है। इस सम्बंध में जाने माने अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर के आईटी उद्यमी अजीम प्रेमजी प्रवर्तित विप्रो कम्पनी की ओर से राज्य सरकार को बेहद सकारात्मक रिस्पांस मिला है।

मानदण्ड तय करने में जुटी समिति

मंत्रालय के वरिष्ठ अधिकारी के मुताबिक नई आईआईआईटी को लेकर केन्द्र के स्तर पर गठित जानी-मानी आईटी कम्पनी इन्फोसिस के टीवी मोहनदास पाई की अध्यक्षता वाली विशेषज्ञ समिति स्थापना सम्बंधी मानदण्ड को जल्द अंतिम रूप देने जा रही है।