

No plans to open satellite campus of JNU, IIT or IIMs: HRD Ministry

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The HRD Ministry on Monday said it had no plan to open a satellite campus of the JNU, IIT or IIMs.

Union Minister of State for HRD Satyapal Singh informed this to the Lok Sabha in response to a written question.

"There is no plan for opening of a satellite campus or branches by JNU, IITs or IIMs. As a policy, the government does not encourage establishment of satellite campuses of such edu-

cational institutions," Singh said.

JNU Vice-Chancellor Jagadesh Kumar had in October announced that the university was planning to set up a satellite campus outside the national capital region (NCR) with an aim to make the university accessible to more students.

There are 21 Central Institutes of Hotel Management (CIHMs) in the country including a State Institute of Hotel Management (SIHM) at Balangir in Odisha. The Minister of State (Independ-

ent Charge) for Tourism, K J Alphons, in a written reply, gave the information in Lok Sabha on Monday. Construction of hotels in the hospitality industry is primarily a private sector activity. However, the Ministry of Tourism classifies operational hotels according to its voluntary scheme of classification of hotels under various Star/Heritage categories.

There are also 13 centrally finance-assisted State Food Craft Institutes, which are functional at present.