Construction of III to start soon

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INDORE: The first phase of construction work of IIT, Indore costing around Rs 388 crore will start soon informed IIT registrar Colonel (retired) Rajshekhar. The entire cost of developing the IIT is estimated to be around Rs 2000 crores and it will take around three years to complete.

Col (retd) Rajshekhar made the

announcement during the visit of the divisional commissioner Prabhat Parashar at the IIT campus site near Talai Naka, Simrol village, Mhow on Wednesday.

He said that the government of India had sanctioned Rs 760 crores in the first phase. Of that amount Rs 388 crores is for infrastructure development, Rs 141 crores for setting up a modern laboratory and the remaining Rs 141 crores for other expenses. The boundary wall will be constructed first to secure the area followed by the academic complex, hostels, residential houses, sports complex, laboratory building etc.

Commissioner Parashar told officials to ensure that the process of formally handing over 501.6 acres allotted to IIT is expedited. The IIT already has physical possession of the land and all necessary government permission has already been received. Of the

allotted land 198 acres belong to the forest department and 303.6 belongs to the revenue department. The forest department has already been compensated for the land by the government.

The commissioner directed the officials that the work of demarcating the IIT land should be done at the earliest and all encroachments should be removed from the land so that the work of the boundary wall is started.