

IIT-I permanent campus to be set up in 30 months

The institute may seek more time to vacate IET building

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Indian Institute of Technology Indore (IIT-I)'s permanent campus would come up on 500 acres in Simrol about 35 km from here, with a cost of Rs 608.4 crore in 30 months.

The institute has sought pre-qualification applications for designing and building of the campus. The last date to submit the application is August 26.

In the tender floated for pre-qualification applications, the IIT Indore has said that the contractor would have to design and construct aca-

demic buildings, hostel buildings, faculty and staff housing, indoor sports center, ancillary buildings, along with external development and all engineering services at the permanent campus of the institute.

The time fixed for construction of the campus is 30 months, including rainy seasons.

The IIT-I had started functioning temporarily from a built-up area in Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET) in 2009.

The MoU for use of the IET building by IIT-I was till June, 2011.

The plan was that the institute would construct its own campus in

Simrol and shift there by June 2011. But nothing went to the plan.

Some technical glitches related to the land meant for the IIT delayed the construction.

Initially the Ministry of Environment and Forest in 2010 denied diversion of 80 acres of forestland which was part of the land allocated to the institute. And when the ministry agreed for the diversion, the proposed campus invited a dispute over lesser allocation of land by the government.

As these hurdles took their own to get resolved, the IIT Indore started feeling space crunch at IET, so it took one more building on rent at Pithampur Auto Cluster Limited campus. The institute also took on rent hostels and quarters for faculty in Silver Springs Township.

But still the IIT Indore's problems

were far from over. By the time it settled down on the three campuses, the MoU for use of IET building came to an end in June 2011.

The IIT-I sought extension of the MoU with the IET.

Its request was heeded and the IIT-I was granted extension till 2015.

Now, it has announced to set up its own campus in Simrol in 30 months and has also started tender process.

The tender process is unlikely to be before the end of this year. That implies the construction of the IIT-I campus in Simrol would not begin before 2014.

The MoU for use of IET building by the IIT-I is till 2015. By that time, the IIT-I's permanent campus won't be setup. Therefore, it would have to seek further extension of the MoU for use of IET building.

