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Title: Need to fill up the SC/ST vacancies in Central Universities and Institutes of National Importance.

DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI (AHMEDABAD WEST): Hon. Speaker, Sir, thank you very much for allowing me to raise an important issue regarding Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

The issue is regarding the vacancy in the faculty position under reserved category in Central Universities and other universities of national importance, like the IIMs, IITs, and NITs.

At the outset, I would like to thank our hon. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi ji's Government for having passed the order to fill up the reserved seats in the faculty position across all the IIMs in the country. The Government has rightly identified the poor representation of faculty members belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe categories in these institutions and has directed them to comply with the reservation rules.

It is very appalling that there are no Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe faculty members in twelve of the top IIMs in the country. Similar situation of very low representation of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes is prevailing in other universities, like the IITs, NITs and other institutes of national importance. At present, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and OBCs make up just six per cent of the total faculty members in the IIMs and nine per cent in IITs.

I would request the Government to continue monitoring this situation and fill up the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe faculty positions in all these Central Universities and institutes of national importance. The Government should encourage and provide incentives to youth from Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe community to join doctoral programmes so that they can become professors.

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