

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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ADMISSION OF SC/ST STUDENTS

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken steps to provide adequate reservation quota in admission of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes students in educational institutions/Technical institutions including Engineering and Medical colleges:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) The number of seats offered in different faculties/ disciplines in all Indian Institutes of technology including IIM and medical colleges both Graduation and Post Graduation level courses during the last three years;

(d) The number of SC/ST students given admission in the said courses and their percentage as compared to the total seats during the said period; and

(e) The reasons for not providing adequate reservation quota to the persons of these categories?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYASINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. The central technical institutions are governed by the reservation policy of the Government of India. The reservation in the State technical institutions are governed by the policy of the concerned State Government/UT administration. In respect of medical colleges the reservation of seats for candidates belonging to SCs/STs is being provided as per the policy laid down by the respective State Governments/Institutions. However, as per the directives of the Supreme Court of India, there is to be no reservation of any kind in respect of admission for Super-specialty courses and 15% of the Undergraduate and 25% of the Postgraduate medical seats filled up through All India Entrance examination.

In IITs/IIMs relaxed cut off marks are maintained to draw up merit list for admissions of SC/ST candidates. Sufficient number of qualified candidates was however not available resulting in shortfall in filling up of the required quota. The percentage of actual admissions of SC/ST candidates vary widely in different institutes, courses and in different years. To overcome the problem IITs have started preparatory courses for admissions to UG level programmes for SC/ST candidates.