

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

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ENROLMENT OF SC/ ST STUDENTS IN IIT'S
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of SC and ST students enrolled and admitted in Post Graduation programme of Indian Institutes of Technology during each of the last five years, category-wise alongwith the percentage thereof;
- (b) whether admission of SC and ST students is less than prescribed reservation of 15 per cent and 7.5 per cent respectively;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has received any representations/complaints from the SC and ST students of various IITs, seeking centralised admission system for Post Graduation programmes as followed for Under Graduation programmes at the same IITs;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Shri M. A. A. Fatmi)

- (a): A statement showing number and percentage of SC/ST students admitted in Postgraduate and equivalent courses in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) during each of the last five years is annexed.
- (b) and (c): It is a fact that admission of scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students in Postgraduate courses is less than prescribed reservation of 15% and 7.5% respectively in IITs. This is largely attributable to various social and economic factors.
- (d) to (f): IITs are autonomous institutes and have autonomy in academic matters including admission procedure. A centralised admission system already exists for Postgraduate Admissions through Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) and Joint Admission Test (JAM) to M.Sc.