

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

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INCREASE OF SEATS IN IITs  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of seats in each Indian Institutes of Technology(IITs);
- (b) if so,the details thereof,IIT-wise;and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented in all the IITs?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): Yes,Sir.Government of India have decided to increase the number of seats in Indian Institutes of Technology(IITs) so as to implement 27% reservation for the students belonging to other Backward Category(OBC) while keeping the number of seats for unreserved category of students unchanged,in a phased manner over a period of three years starting from 2008-09,so that at the end of the third year,there would be 54% increase in the number of seats as compared to 2007-08.The Government have also approved the establishment of eight new IITs.Of these,six IITs in Andhra Pradesh,Bihar,Gujarat,Orissa,Punjab and Rajasthan,have commenced their sessions in 2008-09 with approximate intake of 120 students each,while two new IITs in Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh are expected to commence their sessions from 2009-10.