

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION TO SC/ST YOUTHS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide Information Technology (IT) education to the SC/ST and tribal youths in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to encourage and make provisions for extending grants to various private Indian Educational Institute who are providing IT education to the SC/ST and tribal youths; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : Government policy provides for reservation of seats for SC/ST students and tribal youth in all centrally funded technical institutions which provide information technology education in addition to other courses.

(c) & (d) : The Ministry of Social Justice has operationalised a Scheme of "Top Class Education for SC students" in June, 2007 under which SC students whose family income is upto Rs.2 lakh per annum will be eligible for scholarship. The courses of study covered include engineering, of which information technology is a part. Moreover, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements a "Central Sector Scholarship Scheme of Top Class Education for ST students" in which scholarship is provided for the study of specialized streams including engineering, in which Information Technology is also covered.

As per information given by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), States where the student intake ratio is below the national average and which include the North Eastern States with a large tribal population , AICTE has not imposed the restriction of opting for at least 3 conventional branches for the establishment of new engineering institutions from the year 2009-2010 onwards. Institutions to be established in such states can opt for any course of their choice including IT and related courses.