

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:567
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2010
COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that many talented students particularly from the poor sections of the society hesitate to pursue higher education due to its high cost;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the annual fees charged by the institutes like the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) etc.
- (c) whether any concession is given to the students of poor and weaker sections in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 567 FOR 05.05.2010 ASKED BY SHRI RAKESH SINGH, M.P. AND SHRI MANICKA TAGORE, M.P. REGARDING "COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION."

(a) & (b): The Ministry has not received any complaint regarding deserving students from weaker sections being denied admission to institutions of higher learning on account of lack of resources.

Annual fees charged by Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) are Rs.50,000 per annum for its B.Tech. Programme and Rs.50,000 per annum for its M.Tech. Programme.

The Memoranda of Association of all IIMs empower their respective Board of Governors to fix the fees and fixing of fees does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Government. As per details available, fees for two year PGP course charged by Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Calcutta, Lucknow, Indore, Kozhikode and Shillong for academic session 2010-12 are Rs.13.16 lakh, Rs.13.00 lakh, Rs.13.50 lakh, Rs. 8.00 lakh, Rs.10.00 lakh, Rs.10.00 lakh, Rs. 8.50 lakh respectively. The Institutions have reiterated that no student has been denied opportunity to pursue a course in higher education for want of adequate resources.

(c) : Yes, Sir.

(d): (1) As per the Government of India orders, seats are reserved for SC/ST and OBC students in all Higher Education Institutions. (2) A scheme has been introduced to provide full interest subsidy during the period of Moratorium on loans taken by Students belonging to economically weaker sections from scheduled Banks under the Educational Loan Scheme of Indian Banks Association for pursuing any of the approved courses of studies in technical and professional streams from recognized institutions in India. (3) IITs offer fee waiver, financial assistance, scholarships and remedial coaching to SC/ST students. They also grant Rs.1000/- per month as Merit-cum-Means (MCM) Scholarship to the Under-Graduate students, limited to 25% of the students whose parental income is less than Rs.4.50 lakhs per annum. Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) provide need based scholarships/financial assistance to the needy students.

(e): Does not arise.