GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

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RESERVATION TO OBCS IN CENTRAL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has issued any instructions to implement the 27 per cent reservation to Other Backward Classes (OBC) students in Central Educational Institutions including Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of OBC students admitted in IITs and IIMs during the last academic year;
- (d) whether the fixed percentage in reservation of OBC was achieved during the last academic year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) The Ministry of Human Resource Development has issued directions to all Central Educational Institutions vide O.M.No.1-1/2005-U.1.A/847, dated 20-04-2008 for implementation of reservation for the socially and educationally backward classes (SEBCs/OBCs) from the academic session 2008-09.

According to information available, while 1217 number of students belonging to the SEBCs/OBCs were admitted in Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), as many as 305 number of students belonging to SEBCs/OBCs were admitted in Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs).

Since the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admissions) Act, 2006 provides for implementation in a phased manner consistent with the maintenance of standards of education, each University has set a target of achieving OBC reservation under Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admissions) Act, 2006 in a staggered manner over a period of three years starting from 2008-09. While all necessary guidelines have been issued to institutions for implementing the Act, non-availability of students in certain subjects has also been reported by the University Grants Commission to be a reason for not fully filling earmarked seats.